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YUKON GOVERNMENT PUTS \$41,790 INTO COMMUNITY YOUTH PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE – Premier Dennis Fentie has announced \$41,790 in grants from the Youth Investment Fund to support 16 projects that will benefit Yukon youth.

The projects span the Yukon and cover a wide variety of youth centre activities, leadership training, after-school activities, physical activities, cultural events and workshops.

The successful projects were announced by the ministers of the fund's sponsoring departments: Premier Dennis Fentie, minister responsible for the Youth Directorate; Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang; Health and Social Services Minister Brad Cathers, Women's Directorate Minister Elaine Taylor; Justice Minister Marian Horne and Education Minister Patrick Rouble.

The Youth Investment Fund supports community-driven initiatives aimed at addressing the needs of Yukon youth. Many of the projects are designed to help youth susceptible to "at risk" behaviors or those who are considered to be "at risk".

Since the fund's inception in 1995, 381 projects have been funded. The next deadline for applications is April 1, 2007.

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Attached: list of Youth Investment Fund recipients.

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Youth Investment Fund - Fall Funding 2006

Group/Association	Project	Amount Awarded
Ross River Recreation Centre	Youth Leading Youth	\$4,000
Autism Yukon	Sibling Support Network	\$3,500
Recreation & Parks Assoc. of the Yukon	Canoe Instruction and Boat Safety	\$3,500
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	Aboriginal After School Sports Program	\$3,500
Watson Lake School Council	"Hook's Nemesis" a.k.a. Peter Pan	\$3,000
Champagne & Aishihik First Nations	Champagne & Aishihik Ski Club	\$3,000
Town of Watson Lake	Youth Centre	\$2,600
Faro Arts and Recreation Association	Girls Night Out	\$2,540
Frostbite Music Society	Youth Explore New Storytelling Forms	\$2,500
Teslin Tlingit Trail Group	Johnston Town Winter Trip	\$2,500
Vuntut Gwichin First Nation	Brain Power - Project Healthy Foods Program	\$2,500
Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	Ice Climbing & Winter Day Programs	\$2,500
Kluane First Nation	Stick Gambling with our Southern Tutchone Neighbours	\$2,400
Skills Canada Yukon	Skilled Presentations for Yukon Communities	\$2,000
Yukon Women In Trades & Technology	Young Women Exploring Trades	\$1,000
B.Y.T.E.	Talk Shop with the Cops	\$750
TOTALS		\$41,790