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**GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CULTURAL PROJECTS THROUGH ARTS FUND**

WHITEHORSE –Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor has announced that the Arts Fund is contributing \$126,000 to 14 projects that address the creative development of arts in the Yukon.

“The Government of Yukon is pleased to provide an opportunity for arts organizations to showcase a variety of artistic disciplines that benefit our communities,” Taylor said.

“These awards reflect excellence in performing and visual arts, film, music and dance, and offer Yukoners the opportunity to share in the artistic experience through the development of creative programming supported by the Arts Fund,” she added.

The successful applicants include l’ Association Franco-Yukonnaise who will receive \$9,000 in support of *Au Coeur du rayonnement artistique*, a series of visual, literary and performing arts events.

La Société des Masques d’Or for *Journée des Arts* will obtain \$12,500 for a theatre performance, workshops and a visual art display.

The Victoria Faulkner Women’s Centre is awarded \$5,000 for *Hip Hop Superstars*, a dance-based camp for young girls in Yukon communities.

The Yukon Association for Community Living will receive \$4,000 for a parent retreat entitled *Exploration of Artistic Expression*.

Arts Fund applications are reviewed at arms length from government by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council. The council adjudicated 16 applications requesting more than \$235,000 in funding for the June 2005 intake.

The next Arts Fund application deadline is Sept. 15, 2005. Applicants are asked to consult with the program officer before applying. Please phone 667-3535 or e-mail [ArtsFund@gov.yk.ca](mailto:ArtsFund@gov.yk.ca).

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**ATTACHMENT – JUNE 15, 2005 RECIPIENTS OF ARTS FUND AWARDS**

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
1	Artnet & partners	Yukon Arts and Culture Summit	\$ 5,000
2	Association Franco-Yukonnaise	<i>Au Coeur du rayonnement artistique</i> - a series of visual, literary and performing arts events	\$ 9,000
3	Extremely Moving Youth Society	Extremely Moving Yukon Musical	\$15,000
4	Guild Society	Enhanced support for the Guild's 2005/06 season	\$18,000
5	Gwaandak Theatre Adventures	Yukon, Alaska and Toronto tour of Patti Flather's play: <i>West Edmonton Mall</i>	\$ 5,000
6	Nakai Theatre	Nakai for Kids and Nakai Theatre Comedy Arts Festival	\$18,000
7	Selkirk First Nation	Live Art at Big Jonathan Centre	\$ 6,000
8	la Société des Masques d'Or	<i>Journée des Arts</i> – production and performance, visual arts display and workshops	\$12,500
9	Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre	<i>Hip Hop Superstars</i> , a dance-based camp for young girls in Yukon Communities	\$ 5,000
10	Village of Mayo	2005 Mayo Arts Festival	\$ 4,000
11	White River First Nation	Tourist Visual Art Space – art demonstrations by local artist	\$ 2,500
12	Yukon Association for Community Living	Parent arts retreat – <i>Exploration of Artistic Expression</i>	\$ 4,000
13	Yukon Film Society	Available Light Film Festival and Media Arts Workshop Series	\$12,000
14	Yukon Music Teachers' Association	Student and teacher workshops and performances	\$10,000
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$126,000</b>