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PROJECTS SHARE CRIME PREVENTION AND VICTIM SERVICES TRUST FUND MONEY

WHITEHORSE - The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund is awarding \$185,191 to support 12 projects aimed at crime prevention and victim services in six Yukon communities including Whitehorse.

“We are pleased to have played a part in strengthening this community-based fund,” Justice Minister John Edzerza said. “As we see here today, this fund is continuing to reap dividends for all of our communities.”

Five of the projects are geared towards helping youth; three projects address violence against aboriginal women, while one continues to make a difference for people with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

The Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund awards money for projects designed to:

- provide services and information to support victims of offences;
- help reduce the incidence of crime;
- address the root cause of criminal behaviour;
- prevent violence against women and children; and
- publicize information about crime prevention and how people can protect themselves from becoming victims.

The fund is supported through a variety of sources as set out in the *Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Act*.

Since its inception in 1998, the Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund has awarded over \$1,700,000 towards crime prevention and victim service projects in the Yukon.

The Board of Trustees review proposals and awards money two times a year. The next deadline for funding is March 1, 2006.

The public is invited to donate money to support community projects by contacting the trust fund administrator at (867) 393-7077.

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2005 FALL CRIME PREVENTION VICTIM SERVICES TRUST FUND AWARDS

Yukon Women's Transition Home Society (Kaushee's Place) will receive \$6,600 to develop *Children Who Witness Abuse Curriculum* with a training program and manual. Consultations will take place with communities, First Nations, educators and social workers. Contact Barb Powick at (867) 668-2374.

The **Na-Cho Nyak Dun** will receive \$2,000 to assist in presenting a *Youth Trapping Mentor Project*, a training program that puts together trappers and youth from Mayo, Stewart Crossing and Pelly Crossing. Trapping skills and cold weather survival will be taught, as well as respect for the land. Contact Joella Hohan at (867) 996-2415.

Kwanlin Dun First Nation will receive \$15,000 for their *In-School Tutoring Pilot Project* that provides in-school tutoring support for students at Elijah Smith School and Porter Creek Secondary School. There is a parental component and also a partnered recreation component. Contact Al McDiarmid at (867) 633-7860.

Crime Prevention Yukon's Neighborhood Watch Conference is partnered with the Hillcrest Community Association and the RCMP to strengthen the overall organization and plan how to increase Whitehorse membership. Promotional materials will be developed with the \$8,864 contribution. Contact Cathrine at Crime Prevention Yukon at (867) 668-4420.

FASSY's For Ourselves program will receive \$40,000 to provide supported social, cultural, recreational and living skills through sessions twice a week for 20-24 adults with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Contact Judy Pakozdy at (867) 393-4948.

Aikido Yukon will receive \$17,500 is expanding its services to the community with their *Dedicated Activity – Space Project*. The space is intended to allow youth to channel their energy towards healthy and productive lifestyles. Contact Jean-Marc Perreault at (867) 456-2253.

Ta'an Kwach'an Elders Council will receive \$14,100 to plan and host a *Traditional Knowledge Project on Violence* at a three-day retreat at Lake Laberge. Elders will be facilitating this workshop in a holistic and cultural way that encompasses traditional teachings. Contact project manager Doreen Grady at (867) 393-2954.

Liard Aboriginal Women's Society will receive \$15,000 for an innovative *Radio Campaign Against Violence* broadcast in English and Kaska. Short radio clips will be developed after a two-day focus group aimed to address family safety and to end violence in their communities. Contact Ann Maje Raider at (867) 536-2097.

Selkirk First Nation in Pelly Crossing will receive \$12,127 to plan and deliver an *Alcohol & Drug Fair* and workshops to inform to school children and youth on the effects of specific drugs and how substance abuse affects the community. Contact organizer Milly Johnson at (867) 537-3902.

Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council will receive \$30,000 for *Changing Futures*, for the hiring of an aboriginal women's advocate to address gaps in service. The position will address the high rates of violence against aboriginal women and children. Workshop on learning new ways of coping, building self-esteem, parenting skills, and dealing with anger will also be offered. Contact Pat Delaney at (867) 634-2279.

Kwanlin Dun First Nation (Community Justice) wants to continue their *Healing Our Spirit* grassroots programming for KDFN women. Awarded \$17,000, the series of workshops and retreat at Jackson Lake uses the expertise of various First Nations Elders. Contact organizer Yvonne Smarch at (867) 633-7853.

Watson Lake Badminton Club will receive \$5,000 to expand its youth healthy activities. Children, youth and parents can enjoy healthy activities together with volunteers and RCMP coaches. Contact Shelley McInroy at (867) 536-7572.