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**GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CULTURAL PROJECTS THROUGH ARTS FUND**

WHITEHORSE – The Arts Fund is contributing \$121,630 to 16 projects that support and promote artistic endeavours for artists of all ages, Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor announced today.

“These projects reveal the astonishing array of arts activities that take place on a daily basis throughout Yukon communities,” Taylor said.

The Arts Fund is for projects that address the creative development of the arts in the Yukon. Applications are reviewed at arms-length from government by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council.

The council adjudicated 21 applications requesting more than \$245,000 in funding for the December 2004 intake.

The next deadline for applications is March 15. Applicants are asked to consult with the program officer before applying.

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Attachment: Arts Fund December 2004 Successful Recipients

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### Arts Fund December 2004 Successful Recipients:

	APPLICANT	NAME OF PROJECT	FUNDING ALLOCATION
1	Alsek Music Festival	Alsek Music Festival 2005 Secondary Venues Project	\$7,500
2	Breakdancing Yukon Society	Breakdancing workshops and performances	\$7,500
3	Celebrations Bellydance! Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble	Choreography intensive and public performances	\$4,230
4	Dawson City Arts Society	Odd Gallery exhibition and KIAC artist residency series	\$27,000
5	Del Van Gorder School Council	<i>Arts in the Town</i> – professional and youth art exhibitions, mural project and coffee house in Faro	\$1,400
6	Richard Lawrence and the Guild Society	<i>A Pint of Pinter</i> – an evening of performance, film and discussion of playwright, Harold Pinter	\$1,500
7	Regroupement d'artistes de la Scène (performing artists collective)	Theatre production of <i>Les Girls arrivent en ville</i> (The Girls Come to the City)	\$6,000
8	Sour Brides Theatre	Theatre production of <i>Matt &amp; Ben</i>	\$10,000
9	Suzuki Strings Association Yukon	Winter Music Camp 2005	\$1,500
10	Upper Lip Collective	Workshop, creation and production of an evening of short theatrical pieces	\$5,000
11	Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	Gwitchin Traditional Drumming Group	\$5,000
12	Yukon Arts Centre Public Art Gallery	Three Rivers Exhibition National tour	\$8,000
13	Yukon Art Society	Arts in the Park 2005	\$15,000
14	Yukon Bluegrass Music Society	2005 Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival and Music Camp	\$10,000
15	Yukon Campfire Collective	Dance/Story production <i>Why Campfire Smoke Follows the Guilty One</i>	\$7,000
16	Yukon Educational Theatre	<i>Inzanity!</i> – two annual community celebration projects	\$5,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$121,630</b>