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**SPORT AND RECREATION GRANTS ANNOUNCED**

**WHITEHORSE** – Yukon Sport and Recreation groups will receive grants totaling \$795,450 for 2005/06 efforts announced Glenn Hart, minister responsible for Community Services and Lotteries Yukon.

“These grants are very important to support sport organizations and their volunteers engaged in the delivery of sport, recreation and active living programs,” Minister of Community Services and Lotteries Yukon Glenn Hart said. “Volunteers are vital for events such as the up and coming Canada Winter Games and for Yukoners to enjoy physically active lifestyles. Funding their work is an investment in long-term health and growth of Yukon people and communities.”

Twenty-three Yukon Sport Governing Bodies will receive \$464,450 and six Yukon Special Recreation groups will receive \$154,000. Another \$47,000 has been allocated to the High Performance Athlete, Coach and Official Program and Sport Yukon will receive \$130,000. The funding to the Sport Governing Bodies includes \$12,400 designed to prepare athletes for participation in the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Saskatchewan.

Funding for the annual grants is made possible by a revenue sharing agreement between Yukon Lottery Commission and Government of Yukon. The grants are adjudicated by the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee and administered by Community Services.

“All of the groups receiving funding provide programs and services that enhance the quality of life for Yukoners,” said Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee chair Peter Grundmanis. “We are pleased to make these resources available to support the excellent work being done by these and the other dedicated volunteers in the sport and recreation system in the Yukon.”

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*A complete list of grants is attached as a backgrounder.*

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## **BACKGROUNDER: 2005 – 2006 YRAC FUNDING**

### **YUKON SPORT GOVERNING BODIES**

Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle	\$ 12,000
Alpine Ski and Snowboard Association Yukon	20,000
Athletics Yukon	6,550
Yukon Badminton Association	2,400
Basketball Yukon	21,000
Biathlon Yukon	6,300
Cross Country Yukon	78,500
Yukon Curling Association	14,000
Yukon Cycling Association	7,400
Yukon Golf Association	3,500
Yukon Gymnastics Association	24,000
Yukon Amateur Hockey Association	60,000
Judo Yukon	9,000
Yukon Orienteering Association	4,000
Yukon Shooting Federation	3,000
Yukon Soccer Association	70,000
Softball Yukon	18,000
Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association	11,000
Squash Yukon	15,700
Swim Yukon	34,000
Synchro Yukon Association	5,800
Volleyball Yukon	34,300
Yukon Wheelchair Recreation	<u>4,000</u>
<b>Total Sport Bodies</b>	<b>\$ 464,450</b>

### **YUKON SPECIAL RECREATION GROUPS**

ElderActive Recreation Association	\$ 10,000
Girl Guides – Yukon Council	14,000
Yukon Scouts Council	8,000
Recreation & Parks Association of the Yukon	52,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	52,000
Yukon Special Olympics	<u>18,000</u>
<b>Total Recreation Groups</b>	<b>\$ 154,000</b>