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YUKON HIGH PERFORMANCE GRANTS ANNOUNCED

WHITEHORSE – High performance athletes, coaches and officials are being awarded \$47,000 for 2005/06 under the Yukon High Performance Assistance Program, announced Glenn Hart, the minister responsible for Sport & Recreation and Lotteries Yukon.

The Yukon High Performance Athlete Assistance Program provides grant assistance to selected Yukon athletes who have demonstrated skills and achievements beyond the territorial level at provincial, national and international events.

“This funding provides support to Yukon’s developing high performance athletes, coaches and officials,” Hart said. “These decisions are difficult. This year the jury adjudicated 32 applications requesting over \$70,000 in support. It is also our hope that this funding will enable participation in the upcoming Canada Winter Games in 2007.”

A jury of members from the sport community and the Yukon government decided on the individual applications. The funding levels are gold, silver and bronze. These levels relate to an athlete’s performance at a national or international level, a western Canadian level or a provincial level respectively. Performance and potential determines funding levels.

The Yukon High Performance Coach Assistance Program and High Performance Official Assistance Program provide assistance for coaches and officials to upgrade themselves with training beyond what is available in the Yukon.

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Attachment: Yukon High Performance Assistant Program Funding

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Attachment: Yukon High Performance Assistance Program Funding

Athletes receiving funding to assist with their training and competition in 2005/2006 under the Yukon High Performance Athlete Assistance Program are:

Name	Sport	Level	Amount
Zach Bell	Cycling	Gold	5,000
MacKenzie Downing	Swimming	Gold	5,000
Graham Nishikawa	Cross Country Skiing	Gold	5,000
Emily Quarton	Weightlifting	Gold	3,000
Phillipa McNeil	Orienteering	Gold	2,000
Lynsey Pasloski	Swimming	Gold	2,000
Alexandra Gabor	Swimming	Silver	3,000
Brittany Greer	Cross Country Skiing	Silver	3,000
Daniel Sessford	Cycling	Silver	3,000
Bronwyn Pasloski	Swimming	Silver	2,000
Emily Nishikawa	Cross Country Skiing	Bronze	1,500
Jane Bell	Squash	Bronze	1,000
Justine Scheck	Orienteering	Bronze	1,000
Katie Blaker	Figure Skating	Bronze	500
Kevin Caron	Figure Skating	Bronze	<u>500</u>
Total for athletes			\$ 37,500

Coaches receiving funding to assist with upgrading in 2005/2006 under the Yukon High Performance Coach Assistance Program are:

Sue Bertrand	Curling	\$ 700
Mike Young	Hockey	700
Kathy Zrum	Swimming	<u>700</u>
Total for coaches		\$ 2,100

Officials receiving funding to assist with their upgrading in 2005/2006 under the Yukon High Performance Official Assistance Program are:

Richard Farnell	Judo	\$ 700
Cynthia Onions	Speed Skating	700
Lori Muir	Squash	700
Chris Toleman	Squash	<u>700</u>
Total for officials		\$ 2,800

World Championships Funding: Any of the Elite Athletes receiving funding may also be eligible for up to another \$1,000 if they are selected to represent their sport and the Yukon at a World Championship in 05/06. \$5,000 is set aside to fund this initiative to be funded in 05/06.