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Government supports community youth projects

WHITEHORSE – Yukon youth will benefit from a contribution of almost \$48,000 towards 15 projects through the Youth Investment Fund this winter.

“Investing in our youth is important and all of these projects are well worth our support,” Premier and Minister responsible for the Youth Directorate Dennis Fentie said.

Supported projects include:

- First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun youth conference;
- Taking Pride In Our Youth project in Faro;
- Female high performance hockey camp in Haines Junction;
- Ski program in Old Crow; and
- After- school sports program by the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre.

The Youth Investment Fund supports short term community-driven initiatives throughout Yukon, addressing the needs and interests of youth under 19 years of age, and is sponsored by the departments of Education, Health and Social Services, Justice and Community Services. Community groups can apply for up to \$5,000 twice per year. Since the fund's inception in 1995, 528 projects have been supported. The next deadline for applications is April 1, 2011.

The Youth Directorate's goals are to increase youth awareness and involvement in programs throughout Yukon, help youth contribute to their communities and to improve the health of Yukon youth. For more information about the Youth Directorate visit www.eco.gov.yk.ca.

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See backgrounder attached.

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**Youth Investment Fund
Funded Projects – Fall 2010**

	Group/Association	Project	Award
1	Bringing Youth Towards Equality	Community Outreach: Facilitation Team	\$5,000.00
2	First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	Youth Conference	5,000.00
3	Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	After School Sports Program	4,500.00
4	Town of Faro	Taking Pride in our Youth Project	4,000.00
5	Village of Carmacks	Carmacks 2010-11 Winter Youth Investment Program	3,739.52
6	Yukon College	Girls' Science Club	3,320.00
7	Old Crow Recreation Society	Old Crow Youth Ski Program	3,200.00
8	Carcross Recreation Board	Positive Energy	3,050.00
9	Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	Young Riders' Ski and Snowboard Program	2,850.00
10	Dawson City Minor Hockey Association	Shoot to Score Hockey Camp	2,800.00
11	Haines Junction Minor Hockey Association	Female High Performance Hockey Camp	2,500.00
12	North Klondyke Highway Music Society	2010-11 Klondyke Fiddle School Program	2,500.00
13	Robert Service School Council	Teenage Shop Skill Development Project	2,500.00
14	Klondike Institute of Art and Culture (Dawson City Arts Society)	KIAC Youth Enrichment	2,000.00
15	Women in Trades and Technology Association	Young Women Exploring Trades	1,000.00
			\$47,959.52