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**ARTS FUND SUPPORTS YUKON ARTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS**

WHITEHORSE – Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor announced that 14 community groups and arts collectives will share \$145,100 in funding made available through the Arts Fund.

The December 2006 Arts Fund intake received 15 applications, with requests totalling \$193,948.

“The Yukon government is proud to support community groups and collectives pursuing creative endeavours that enrich our lives and our communities,” Taylor said. “Artistic expression offers people a way to connect with each other—to celebrate our differences, similarities and achievements.”

The Arts Fund is an applicant-driven funding program that supports artists and communities in creative endeavors such as festivals, events, training, touring and art creation in all forms. The fund is adjudicated four times a year by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council in an arms-length process.

“The Vuntut Gwitchin are appreciative of the support from the Arts Fund for the Old Crow Fiddle Festival, a three-day event to be scheduled this spring,” Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Chief Joe Linklater said. “This partnership provides an opportunity for local and regional musicians to showcase their talent, enhance interest in Athabaskan fiddle music, allow for music instruction to our youth, and keep Gwitchin and non-Gwitchin folks dancing for hours.”

The next deadline for Arts Fund applications is March 15. Applicants are encouraged to consult with the program officer before applying, by telephone 667-3535 or e-mail [artsfund@gov.yk.ca](mailto:artsfund@gov.yk.ca).

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List of Arts Fund December 2006 recipients attached.

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**ATTACHMENT: December 2006 Arts Fund Recipients**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>FUNDING AWARDED</b>
All City Concert Band Society	Junior and Senior Concert Bands 2007 Festival Trips	\$15,500
Anvil Range Arts Society (ARAS)	Public arts and crafts workshops and gala at Crane and Sheep Viewing Festival	\$1,100
Artsnet Society	Production of Artsnet, a Yukon arts and culture magazine	\$5,000
Canadian Snow Sculpture Team 2007	Participation in international snow carving competitions and exhibitions	\$4,500
Dawson City Arts Society - Odd Gallery	Odd Gallery exhibitions and Artists' Residency Series	\$30,000
Dawson City Music Festival	Spring into Summer 2007 Concert Series in Dawson City featuring Yukon and national touring artists	\$5,500
LINK Dance Foundation Society	Dancing in the Streets 2007 - creation and performance of a site-specific dance piece	\$9,000
Rotary Club of Whitehorse	Rotary Music Festival 2007	\$5,000
Society for Education and Culture	Artist Series 2007 concerts and cultural events in Haines Junction	\$12,500
Teslin Recreation Society	Traditional Tlingit Art Appreciation Project - traditional arts workshop	\$3,500
Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	Old Crow Fiddle Festival - showcasing Gwitchin music and local regional and national fiddlers with workshops and performances	\$12,500
Yukon Art Society	Arts in the Park 2007 - a 12 week outdoor festival showcasing Yukon visual and performing artists	\$16,000
Yukon Educational Theatre	Inzanity! Community Celebrations Projects and willow-making special event during Canada Winter Games	\$10,000
Yukon Summer Music Camp	Yukon Summer Music Camp 2007 - music instruction workshops for children, youth and adults	\$15,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$145,100</b>