

FOR RELEASE 08-305
December 3, 2008

GOVERNMENT PUTS \$63,908 INTO COMMUNITY YOUTH PROJECTS

WHITEHORSE – Yukon youth will benefit from 22 projects sharing \$63,908 from the Youth Investment Fund this fall.

The successful projects were announced today by the ministers of the fund's sponsoring departments: Minister responsible for the Youth Directorate Premier Dennis Fentie; Education Minister Patrick Rouble; Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart; Justice and Women's Directorate Minister Marian C. Horne and Community Services Minister Archie Lang.

The projects cover the breadth of Yukon and a wide variety of activities including youth camps, physical programs and cultural events.

"These projects represent an important investment into our most valuable resource, our youth," Premier Fentie said.

The Youth Investment Fund supports community-driven initiatives aimed at addressing the needs of Yukon youth. Many of the projects are designed to help youth susceptible to "at risk" behaviours or those who are considered to be "at risk."

Since the inception of the fund in 1995, 459 projects have been funded. The next deadline for applications is April 1, 2009.

-30-

Attachment: funding details

Contact:

Roxanne Vallevand
Cabinet Communications
867-633-7949
roxanne.vallevand@gov.yk.ca

Gord Kurzynski
Youth Directorate
867-667-8213
gord.kurzynski@gov.yk.ca

Youth Investment Fund – Fall 2008

Group/Association	Project	Award
Association franco-yukonnaise	Camp Franco Survie – 2009	930.00
Carcross Recreation Board	Fun, Fitness and the Facts	3,600.00
Faro Arts and Recreation Association	Faro Girls' Night Out	2,500.00
First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun	Mayo Career Day	1,050.00
Gentle Steps Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre	Equine Assisted Therapeutic Program	2,500.00
Gwaandak Theatre Society	UthInk Playwright in the Community	3,000.00
Jack Hulland School Council	Wilderness Exploration Leadership Program	1,000.00
Klondike Institute of Art and Culture	KIAC Youth Art Enrichment	1,000.00
Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation	After School Program	1,300.00
Longest Night Society	<i>True Stories</i> Youth Show	2,500.00
North Klondyke Highway Music Society	North Klondyke Highway Music Society 08/09 Program	5,000.00
Old Crow Recreation Society	Old Crow Youth Trip	4,000.00
Selkirk First Nation	Journey to Self-Reliance Youth Trapping Program	2,000.00
Society for the Promotion of Skills Canada Yukon	Skilled Presentations for Yukon Communities	3,488.00
Town of Faro	'Taking Pride in Our Community' Faro Youth Projects	3,476.00
Town of Watson Lake	Teen Space	4,500.00
Trondek Hwech'in First Nation	Evening Youth Enrichment Program	3,264.00
Village of Teslin	Teslin Winter Time Fun	3,150.00
Watson Lake Badminton Club	Watson Lake Badminton Club	2,650.00
Yukon Women in Trades and Technology	YWET (Young Women Exploring Trades)	4,000.00
Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association	Young Riders	4,000.00
		\$63,908.00