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\$70,000 in Yukon High Performance Sports Grants Awarded

WHITEHORSE – High performance athletes and one official will receive \$70,000 in funding in 2009-10 through the Yukon High Performance Assistance Program (YHPAP), Community Services Minister Archie Lang announced today at an awards ceremony.

“This funding helps develop Yukon’s high performance athletes and officials,” Lang said. “While many of our programs help Yukoners as a whole participate in sport and recreation, this program specifically assists some of our most talented and dedicated athletes and coaches achieve excellence in their sports. These athletes and officials represent Yukon at national and international competitions; they also inspire Yukon youth and athletes of all ages.”

The program provides varying amounts of funding to Yukon athletes who have either performed well or demonstrated potential at provincial, western Canadian, national, or international events. Twenty athletes will be funded through this program in 2009-10.

Officials also receive assistance through the program to upgrade their skills and certification. One high level official was funded under this program.

Grants are determined by a jury drawn from the sport community and the Yukon government. Funding is provided jointly by Community Services and the Yukon Lottery Commission. The \$70,000 was allocated to this program on the recommendation of the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee.

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Attachment: List of 2009-10 YHPAP grant recipients.

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Yukon High Performance Assistance Program Funding

Applicants receiving funding to assist with their training, competition or upgrading in 2009-10 under the Yukon High Performance Assistance Program are:

Athletes	Amount (\$)
David Greer Cross Country Skiing Gold	\$ 7,000
Graham Nishikawa Cross Country Skiing Gold	7,000
Danielle Marcotte Shooting Gold	7,000
Alexandra Gabor Swimming Gold	7,000
Janelle Greer Cross Country Skiing Gold	6,500
Emily Nishikawa Cross Country Skiing Gold	5,500
Dahria Beatty Cross Country Skiing Silver	4,000
Ryan Burlingame Biathlon Silver	2,500
Anna Rivard Gymnastics Bronze	2,000
Troy Henry Speed Skating Bronze	2,000
Colin Abbott Orienteering Gold	1,500
Lee Hawkings Orienteering Gold	1,500
Chelsea Duncan Curling Bronze	1,500
Jenna Duncan Curling Bronze	1,500
Linea Eby Curling Bronze	1,500
Sarah Koltun Curling Bronze	1,500
Nicholas Koltun Curling Bronze	1,250
Will Mahoney Curling Bronze	1,250
Thomas Scoffin Curling Bronze	1,250
Mitchell Young Curling Bronze	<u>1,250</u>
Total Athletes	64,500
 Official	
Bonita Rogers Gymnastics	500
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 Provision for International Representation	5,000
 Total High Performance Funding	\$ 70,000

Provision for International Representation Funding: Any of the athletes receiving funding may also be eligible for an additional \$1,000 or \$500 if they represent Canada in their sport at a world championship or major international competition in 2009-10.