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Grants Awarded for Yukon FireSmart Projects

WHITEHORSE – Yukon communities will benefit from \$1.3 million in FireSmart grants earmarked for 33 projects in 2009-10, Department of Community Services Minister Archie Lang announced today.

“The success of the FireSmart program over the years is thanks to the partnership between the Yukon government and recipient organizations, including municipal and First Nation governments, community associations and non-profit societies,” Lang said.

The FireSmart program enables communities to undertake work that serves to reduce the threat of wildfire in and around Yukon communities, and it provides employment opportunities for Yukoners in the fall and winter.

Of the total \$1,315,400 in approved project funding, eight municipal projects will share \$320,000, twelve First Nation governments will share \$476,000, nine communities associations will share \$350,000 and four non-profit organizations will share \$166,000.

FireSmart applications are approved by the Departments of Community Services and Energy, Mines and Resources. Projects are funded based on field assessments conducted by FireSmart officials with Community Services and separate interdepartmental review committees.

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A complete list of grants is attached.

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2009 – 2010 FireSmart Funding Recipients

Carcross/Tagish First Nation	\$41,600
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Canyon	\$41,600
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Champagne	\$41,600
City of Whitehorse	\$41,600
Copper Ridge Neighbourhood Association	\$41,600
Crestview Community Association	\$41,600
First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun	\$41,600
Hillcrest Community Association	\$41,600
Kluane First Nation	\$41,600
Kluane Lake Athletic Association	\$41,600
Kwanlin Dün First Nation	\$41,600
Liard First Nation	\$41,600
Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation	\$30,000
Lorne Mountain Community Association	\$41,600
Marsh Lake Emergency Society	\$41,600
McLean Lake Residents Association	\$41,600
Mendenhall Recycling Society	\$41,600
Porter Creek Community Association	\$41,600
Riverdale Community Association	\$41,600
Ross River Sportsman Association	\$41,600
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	\$41,600
Tagish Volunteer Fire Department	\$41,600
Teslin Tlingit Council	\$41,600
Town of Faro	\$41,600
Town of Watson Lake	\$41,600
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	\$41,600
Village of Carmacks	\$41,600
Village of Haines Junction	\$30,000
Village of Mayo	\$41,600
Village of Teslin	\$41,600
Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	\$41,600
West Dawson Community Association	\$19,000
White River First Nation Beaver Creek	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$1,315,400