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SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Cory Bellmore, Minister of Community Services

1. On [date], [MLA]
- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 518 of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: [subject]

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Kate White, Member for Takhini on April 7, 2026, related to:
- Bill No. # 20\ Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: Vote 51 Community Services
- Motion No. # RE: Recreation Advisory Committee funding
recommendations
at page(s) 512 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

The Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) plays an important role in supporting sport and recreation across the territory.

YRAC is established under the *Recreation Act* and *Recreation Regulations*. The committee is made up of up to six members appointed by the Minister, each bringing experience or demonstrated interest in Yukon sport or community recreation. Its mandate is to advise the Minister on matters related to recreation, including recommendations on annual funding allocations.

Each year, Yukon sport governing bodies and special recreation groups submit applications for the Yukon Sport & Recreation Foundations Grant. YRAC meets annually, typically at the end of May to review these applications and provide recommendations to the Minister on how funding should be allocated.

The Foundations Grants, supports organizations in several key areas:

- Athlete and participant development
- Leadership training
- Facility operations and maintenance
- Special projects and community development

Funding for the grant is provided jointly by the Government of Yukon and Lotteries Yukon. Community Services contributes \$402,000 annually. Lotteries Yukon provides the remaining portion; however, its contribution is set to decrease in 2026–27.

While allocation details are not currently posted online, the list of 2025–26 funding recipients is provided below. You can also refer to the 2025 news release announcing sport and recreation funding, which includes the full list of Foundation Grant recipients.

<https://yukon.ca/en/news/government-yukon-provides-over-2-million-strengthen-sport-and-recreation-opportunities-across-territory>

The funding provided to sport and recreation organizations through YRAC is only a portion of the funding that is dispersed annually for sport and recreation organizations.

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This funding in 2025-26 included the following:

- \$1.55 million for active-living programs and Special Olympics Yukon, ElderActive Recreation Association, and the Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon.
- Over \$1 million in rural Yukon communities for recreation staffing, programs, infrastructure, liability insurance, and small capital funding.
- Over \$1.5 million for 30 sport governing bodies, elite and high-performance athletes, officials, and five special recreation groups.
- \$1.68 million for sport programs and initiatives, including Aboriginal sport development and leadership.
- \$2,595,000 for Team Yukon's participation in Major Games in 2025–2026, including the 2025 Canada Summer Games and the 2026 Arctic Winter Games.

2025-26 Foundation Grant Recipients:

Special Recreation Groups	Foundations Grant
Elder Active Recreation Association	\$52,000
Friends of Mount Sima	\$79,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	\$64,000
Total	\$195,000

Sport Governing Bodies	Foundations Grant
Alpine Ski Association Yukon	40,000
Arctic Edges Skating Club	46,000
Athletics Yukon Association	21,000
Basketball Yukon	54,000
Biathlon Yukon	42,000
Climb Yukon	26,896
Cross Country Yukon	112,000
Cycling Association of Yukon	26,000
Equine Association of Yukon	11,000
Flatwater Paddling Yukon	29,000
Grapple Yukon	8,000
Judo Yukon	44,000
Muay Thai Yukon (not eligible, funding reallocated)	7,500
Pickleball Yukon	12,000
Snowboard Yukon Association	42,000
Squash Yukon	21,000
Swim Yukon	54,000
Synchro Yukon Association	5,000
Table Tennis Yukon	10,000
Tennis Yukon Association	16,000
Volleyball Yukon	67,900
Yukon Amateur Hockey Association	104,000
Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association	22,000
Yukon Badminton Association	6,200
Yukon Breeze Sailing Society	7,500
Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club	14,000
Yukon Curling Association	16,000
Yukon Freestyle Ski Association	36,000

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Yukon Golf Association	12,000
Yukon Gymnastics Association	71,000
Yukon Orienteering Association	16,000
Yukon Rugby Federation	16,000
Yukon Soccer Association	94,000
Total	\$1,109,996

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