

Every Student, Every Day

VICTORIA GOLD YUKON STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT SOCIETY

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Schools receive *Every Student, Every Day* funding to promote regular attendance

Whitehorse, Yukon – Nineteen (19) Yukon projects have received \$67,500 in funding from *Every Student, Every Day* to help increase student attendance in schools and communities throughout the territory. A selection committee comprised of representatives from the volunteer-driven charity and the Government of Yukon met recently to review 25 proposals and award funds.

The successful projects will receive funds for implementation in the 2018-19 school year. Due to a generous donation of \$5,000 by Victoria Gold Corp., the original disbursement amount of \$62,500 was increased to include a submission from J.V. Clark School in Mayo; the community the gold mining company directly serves.

“We were very pleased to receive so many quality proposals to help address student attendance challenges throughout the Yukon,” said *Every Student, Every Day* President Tara Christie. “It is by far the most interest we have seen, since *Every Student, Every Day*’s inception in 2012, and demonstrates both awareness of our volunteer efforts to help support grassroots student attendance initiatives and our community-wide responsibility to help each Yukon student attend school every day.”

“The *Every Student, Every Day* projects support and encourage students to come to school and be a part of a school community. *Every Student, Every Day* strengthens partnerships and helps schools and communities address barriers to good attendance together. Regular attendance encourages a team learning environment and helps all students develop great work habits, learning and social skills. I’m proud of the Government of Yukon’s partnership in this fund. Thank you to our partners who provide funding and in-kind support.” Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Education said.

Established in 2012, *Every Student, Every Day* is a registered, not-for-profit charity of Victoria Gold Corp., owner and operator of the Eagle Gold Project near Mayo. *Every Student, Every Day* works with the territory's private sector throughout the year and receives an annual contribution of \$25,000.00 from the Government of Yukon to help support the fund. The government also distributes the fund's application form to school principals and School Councils each January and administers the funding to schools.

Since its formation, *Every Student, Every Day* has raised and distributed over \$365,000 to more than 70 student attendance projects in almost every Yukon community. A complete list of the 20 successful projects funded this year is included below.

Applications for projects to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year will be accepted in March 2019. To learn more about *Every Student, Every Day*, please visit www.everystudenteveryday.ca or find the charity on Facebook.

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Every Student, Every Day –Student attendance project awards for 2018-19

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| Teen Parent Centre <i>Personal Wellness Attendance Initiative</i> | Whitehorse | \$1980 |
| Teen Parent Centre <i>Self-Care Attendance Initiative</i> | Whitehorse | \$3870 |
| Teen Parent Centre <i>Spring Break Attendance Initiative</i> | Whitehorse | \$4100 |
| Golden Horn Elementary School <i>Outdoor Classroom</i> | Whitehorse | \$3000 |
| F.H. Collins Secondary School <i>Levelling the Playing Field: Making Technology Accessible to All</i> | Whitehorse | \$5860 |
| Kwanlin Dun First Nation <i>High School Attendance Initiative</i> | Whitehorse | \$2000 |
| Big Brothers and Big Sisters Association <i>Intermediate Mentoring Program</i> | Whitehorse | \$2500 |
| Gadzoosdaa Student Residence <i>Attendance Initiative for Residents</i> | Whitehorse | \$4875 |
| Jack Hulland Elementary School <i>Family Support Sessions</i> | Whitehorse | \$5060 |
| Porter Creek Secondary School <i>Communication is the Key Initiative</i> | Whitehorse | \$1000 |
| Porter Creek Secondary School <i>I.N.V.E.S.T.E.D. – Encouragement of Youth Tackling Educational Diversity</i> | Whitehorse | \$5000 |
| Ta'an Kwachan Council <i>Steps to Success Attendance Initiative</i> | Whitehorse | \$2000 |
| Elijah Smith Elementary School <i>Hands On Program: Creation of a Safe Maker Space</i> | Whitehorse | \$7500 |
| Elijah Smith Elementary School <i>Engage Program: Physical Activity Programs Before School</i> | Whitehorse | \$2500 |

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| Eliza Van Bibber School <i>Soft Start and Inquiry Time to Support Self-Regulation</i> | Pelly Crossing | \$3000 |
| J.V. Clark School <i>Student Attendance Initiative</i> | Mayo | \$5000 |
| Robert Service School <i>Partnership Support for Student Breakfast and Lunch Program</i> | Dawson City | \$3500 |
| Individual Learning Centre <i>Active Living Program</i> | Whitehorse | \$1386 |
| Individual Learning Centre <i>Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEC) Experiential Excursions</i> | Whitehorse | \$3370 |