

FedNor money creates internships in Sudbury

Money is also given to a host of other local projects, including \$497,000 to develop a telemedicine network

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A federal internship program will provide jobs to 11 young people from the Sudbury area when they graduate from college or university this spring.

"This is a wonderful program that has helped hundreds of young northerners," Nickel Belt MP Ray Bonin said of the FedNor Youth Internship Program.

FedNor, the federal government's economic-development program for Northern Ontario, is providing \$275,000 under its internship program to eight public-sector employers.

While it assists employers, the internship program's primary goal is to provide employment experience and opportunities to young people who are making the transition from post-secondary education to the job market.

The FedNor funding will provide for two interns at each of Whitefish First Nation, Sudbury Regional Hospital Foundation and City of Greater Sudbury, as well as one intern at each of the St. Joseph's Health Centre, Wahnapiatae First Nation, Northern Centre for Advanced Technology, Centre franco-ontarien de ressources en alphabétisation and the Social Planning Council of Sudbury. The internships are for a maximum of one year.

The internship funding was part of a \$4.27-million funding announcement from FedNor this week.

Other recipients of the grants included:

- City of Greater Sudbury: \$605,000 for economic development programs, \$99,000 for small business development work by the Regional Business Centre and \$59,000 for a feasibility study on expanding the municipally-owned Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre in Capreol.

- Science North: \$500,000 for development of its Dynamic Earth tourist attraction.

- NetCentral Communication Network: \$500,000 to develop a telecommunications network throughout northeastern Ontario.

- Sudbury Regional Hospital: \$497,000 for new technology to develop a telemedicine network serving northeastern Ontario.

- Minetraining.com: \$275,000 for development of a Web-based computer training program for use in the mining industry.

- Northern Centre for Advanced Technology: \$250,000 for its work in helping private-sector interests in applied research, product development and training programs.

- Neureka Research Incorporated: \$237,000 for research into the development of a new diagnostic testing system to detect the virus that causes gastroenteritis.

- Wahnapiatae First Nation: \$231,000 for economic development projects in the community.

- Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre: \$197,000 for development of a Web-based program to provide health-care providers with better access to patient files.

- Music and Film in Motion: \$180,000 to develop a business and marketing plan as well as a database of community support services and

resources to help in building a local music and film industry.

- Business Development Bank of Canada: \$155,000 to provide e-commerce training workshops to small and medium-sized businesses to help them pursue technology-based business opportunities.

- InfoTech North: \$124,000 to develop home health-care planning software to give home care companies a more efficient way to administer resources and accounting services.

- Mattagami First Nation: \$85,000 to implement a forestry business development project.