



# Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations Program GUIDELINES

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# 1 About the program

The Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations (GDC) program is a competitive grants program funded under the Northern Territory (NT) Government's \$9.5 million per annum [Resourcing the Territory](#) initiative. The program aims to advance exploration activity, address geoscientific knowledge gaps and support the discovery and development of resources in the Territory.

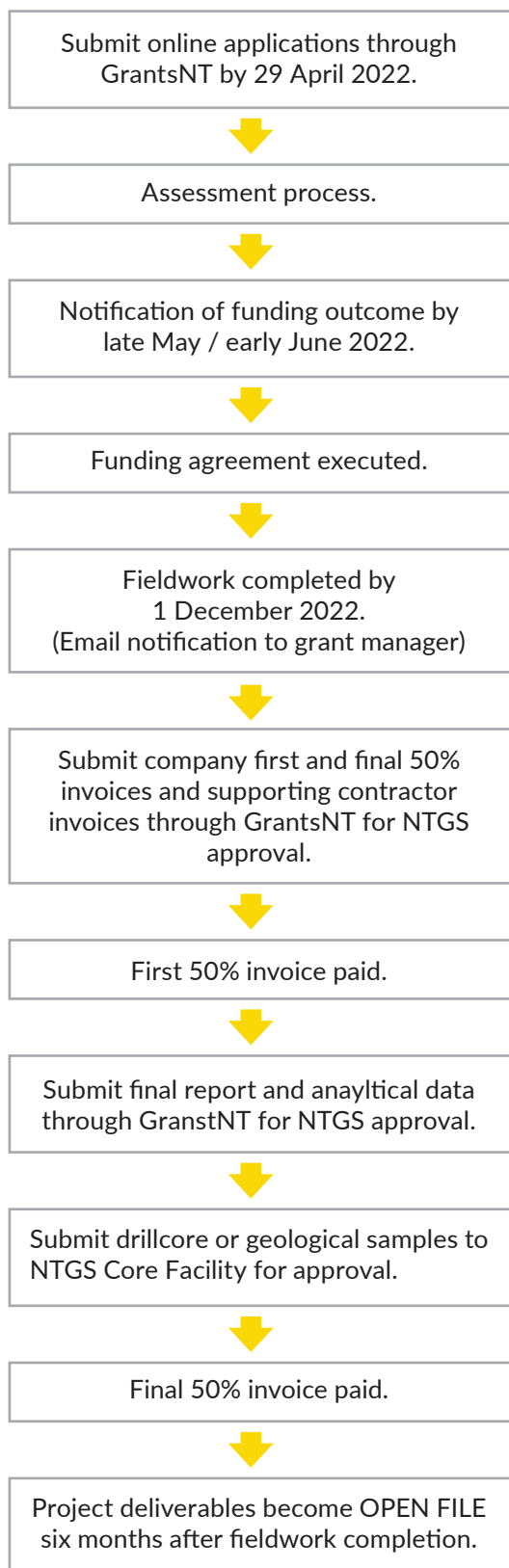
The NT Government will allocate up to \$3 million in round 15 of the GDC program. The program provides co-funding up to 50 per cent of direct claimable project costs capped at specific funding amounts for specific projects.

Project type	Eligible exploration activity	Maximum co-funding amounts inclusive of GST
<a href="#">Greenfields</a> drilling	Single deep diamond hole in underexplored areas; OR	\$200 000
	Multiple hole programs in underexplored areas (diamond or RC)	\$150 000
Greenfields geophysics	<a href="#">Regional-scale</a> geophysical acquisition resulting in a significant improvement in the resolution and quality of existing data; OR	\$100 000
	Reflection seismic surveys greater than 25km length in underexplored areas	\$150 000
<a href="#">Brownfields</a> diamond drilling	Single deep diamond holes and/or multiple diamond hole programs testing new concepts below or adjacent to an <a href="#">Identified Resource</a>	\$150 000
Brownfields targeting	Camp- or prospect-scale acquisition of geophysics or geochemistry where technique/s are innovative or have not been previously tested in the area; AND/OR reanalysis of existing sample sets and mine waste for new commodities (multi element analyses)	\$100 000

In addition, any project that engages NT Enterprises for service or supply can claim half of those costs up to a maximum of \$10 000 for their co-funded program under the [Territory Supplier Incentive](#) (TSI) scheme.

The GDC program is administered by the Northern Territory Geological Survey (NTGS).

## 2 Funding sequence



## 3 Important dates

Date	Event
Monday 21 February 2022	Applications open for round 15 through <a href="#">GrantsNT</a>
Friday 29 April 2022	Applications close for round 15
May 2022	Assessment panel meets and applicants notified of funding outcome
June 2022	Funding agreements negotiated and signed with successful applicants
Thursday 1 December 2022	All fieldwork must be complete
Friday 30 June 2023	Funding agreement ends

## 4 Defined terms

“**Brownfields**” means exploration in the vicinity of an operating or historic mine or a deposit with an existing Identified Resource, with the purpose of growing the resource base in an area of known endowment.

“**Funding Agreement**” means the agreement of conditions of funding grant between parties.

“**Greenfields**” means exploration activity in unexplored or underexplored areas, away from known deposits, mines or production wells.

“**Identified Resource**” means a JORC-compliant or equivalent mineral resource of Inferred status or higher (comparable to definition from [Australia’s National Classification System for Identified Mineral Resources](#) or a Contingent Resource as defined by [Society of Petroleum Engineers](#)).

“**RAB**” means rotary air blast drilling.

“**RC**” means reverse-circulation drilling.

“**Regional-scale**” means geophysical survey covering an area of approximately 350 km<sup>2</sup> or more, or a traverse length of approximately 25 km or more.

“**Tenement**” means mineral lease, exploration lease, petroleum title or geothermal title held in the Northern Territory.



# 5 Eligibility requirements

## 5.1 Essential criteria

The following essential eligibility criteria must be met to be considered for assessment:

- application form and proposal must be submitted online through the [GrantsNT](#) portal. **Applications received by email will not be considered for funding.**
- applicant is a legal entity that can enter a legally binding [Funding Agreement](#) with the NT Government, has an Australian Business Number and is registered for GST.
- applicant (organisation) applying for co-funding will need to declare they are meeting the directions of the [COVID-19 mandatory vaccination requirements policy](#) and may be asked to provide evidence. The policy states all personnel including subcontractors who are located in the Northern Territory and undertaking the work program must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or have evidence of an exemption.
- applicant has proven financial and technical capacity to complete project.
- applicant has public liability insurance and workers compensation in place.
- applicant has record of compliance against existing [Tenement](#) exploration expenditure and reporting obligations, unless new tenement holders.
- drilling and non-drilling activities cannot be combined under a single application. Applicants must fill in separate online applications for each project proposal.
- there is no limit to the number of applications submitted by any one applicant. However, only one drilling, AND/OR one non-drilling per Tenement or project area will be funded per round.
- a maximum of \$300 000 of funding inclusive of GST is available per year per proponent or their subsidiaries.
- projects cannot be retrospective and can only commence when the successful applicants have been publicly announced and the Funding Agreement is fully executed.
- any project involving significant ground disturbance must be on granted tenement/s held by the applicant or a demonstrably related party. A current [MMP Authorisation](#) or [EMP Authorisation](#) relevant to the project must be in place well before the proposed timing of the project.
- any airborne geophysical acquisition or non-ground disturbing activity must be over the applicant's or demonstrably related party's granted tenement/s, or otherwise where it meets the criteria for preliminary exploration as defined by the [Mineral Titles Act 2010](#) and the [Petroleum Regulations 2020](#).
- applications from applicants who have been awarded funding in the previous GDC round but did not complete the intended project will not generally be eligible for funding for that project in subsequent year. An applicant may make a case to re-submit an application for consideration, where it is demonstrated the circumstances affecting the previous project were outside of the applicant's control (seasonal weather will not be considered a factor). The case should also outline how the circumstances will be mitigated in the upcoming round.



## 5.2 Greenfields exploration co-funding

### 5.2.1 Greenfields objectives

Co-funding for [Greenfields](#) exploration aims to increase density of geoscientific data to improve geological knowledge and de-risk underexplored areas of the NT.

Co-funding will be available to share between eligible, selected Greenfields programs. Projects must meet the specific eligibility criteria for project types defined below.

### 5.2.2 Greenfields drilling co-funding amounts and eligibility criteria

Co-funding is available for up to 50 per cent of the claimable direct program costs inclusive of GST capped at:

- **\$200 000** for a single deep diamond hole program
- **\$150 000** for multi hole programs (diamond or RC).

Diamond drilling projects are eligible when:

- programs are located away from known deposits; AND
- there is no previous diamond drilling in the area or the proposed drilling is to a significantly greater depth than existing drilling; AND
- non-diamond pre-collars account for less than half of the proposed drill metrage.

Reverse-circulation (RC) drilling projects are eligible when:

- it is demonstrated by the applicant that no previous drilling of any method has been conducted in the project area; OR
- any previous drilling in the area was shallow RAB or aircore drilling that did not effectively test bedrock.

Refer to greenfields drilling assessment criteria in [Appendix 1](#).

**Note:** Diamond drilling in existing mineral fields, known mineralisation or in areas previously tested, may be eligible under [5.3.2 Brownfields diamond drilling co-funding](#).

### 5.2.3 Greenfields geophysics co-funding amounts and eligibility criteria

Co-funding is available for up to 50 per cent of the claimable direct program costs inclusive of GST capped at:

- **\$100 000** for [Regional-scale](#) geophysical acquisition
- **\$150 000** for reflection seismic surveys greater than 25km length

Geophysics projects are eligible when:

- acquiring Regional-scale geophysics in an area greater than 350km<sup>2</sup> that results in a significant improvement in the resolution and quality of existing data; AND
- airborne line spacing is 50 m or greater (magnetics, radiometrics, electromagnetic, airborne gravity and gravity gradiometry); OR
- ground gravity stations spaced on a regular grid at 500 m or greater; OR
- passive seismic, reflection seismic or MT traverses greater than 25km length.

Refer to greenfields geophysics assessment criteria in [Appendix 2](#).

**Note:** Camp- or prospect-scale geophysics in greenfields areas may be eligible under [5.3.3 Brownfields targeting co-funding](#).

## 5.3 Brownfields exploration co-funding

### 5.3.1 Brownfields objectives

Co-funding for [Brownfields](#) exploration aims to support resource development and exploration targeting in areas of known resources endowment.

Co-funding will be available to share between eligible, selected Brownfields programs. Projects must meet the specific eligibility criteria for project types defined below.

### 5.3.2 Brownfields diamond drilling co-funding amounts and eligibility criteria

Co-funding is available for up to 50 per cent of the claimable direct program costs inclusive of GST capped at:

- **\$150 000** for any diamond drilling projects

Diamond drilling projects are eligible for co-funding when:

- drilling is testing deep targets near or below known deposits; or untested geophysical or conceptual targets near known deposits; AND
- targets are outside of an existing [Identified Resource](#); AND
- non-diamond pre-collars account for less than half of the proposed drill metreage.

Projects will **not** be eligible when:

- drilling shallow holes into known mineralisation
- undertaking resource definition drilling
- undertaking development drilling
- utilising only RC, RAB or aircore drilling.

Refer to brownfields diamond drilling assessment criteria in [Appendix 3](#).

### 5.3.3 Brownfields targeting co-funding amounts and eligibility criteria

Co-funding is available for up to 50 per cent of the claimable direct program costs inclusive of GST capped at:

- **\$100 000** per brownfields targeting project

Targeting projects are eligible for co-funding when acquiring:

- geophysical data for camp- or prospect-scale target generation, especially where the technique is innovative or has not previously been tested in the area; AND/OR
- geochemical datasets for camp- or prospect-scale target generation; AND/OR
- multielement geochemical data through reanalysis of existing sample sets or mine waste to broaden target commodity base (eg targeting critical minerals); AND/OR
- multiple complementary datasets (geophysical/geochemical) to improve targeting.

Refer to brownfields targeting assessment criteria in [Appendix 4](#).



## 5.4 Claimable costs

Co-funding is available for up to half of the direct program costs. Direct program costs include activities or items specifically required for the satisfactory completion and delivery of the proposed project to industry accepted standards.

Claimable direct program costs include:

- per metre drill costs (including work time)
- consumables (casing, plugs, drilling fluids etc)
- core orientation costs and consumables
- core trays, markers, blocks
- hire/use downhole camera
- downhole survey
- wireline logging
- directional surveys done as part of drilling contract
- mobilisation / demobilisation, inter-hole moves, stand by rates (capped at combined cost of \$10 000 for greenfields projects and \$5000 for brownfields projects)
- per line km / per station cost of geophysical acquisition
- aircraft / seismic mobilisation/ demobilisation (capped at combined cost of \$10 000 for greenfields projects and \$5000 for brownfields projects)

The list of claimable direct program costs is included in the [Appendix 5](#).

Estimates of direct program costs should be as accurate as possible to ensure an appropriate funding amount is awarded for the project. Claims for funding will comprise up to half of the actual direct program costs (capped at the awarded funding amount) and must be supported by supplier invoices.

**Non claimable** costs must be borne by the applicant and include costs related to:

- administration
- interpretation
- project management

- land access
- cultural heritage clearance
- environmental assessments or surveys
- fuel for travel
- repairs and equipment
- transportation / travel for personnel
- company personnel salaries
- camp costs
- other personnel costs
- rehabilitation

## 5.5 Territory Supplier Incentive scheme

The **Territory Supplier Incentive (TSI)** offers **up to \$10 000** inclusive of GST per project of additional funding to engage NT enterprises, which must be spent on local service and supply directly supporting the co-funded program.

This can include up to 50 per cent of the cost of:

- \$20 000 worth of additional drilling on the proposed program, if the drilling contractor undertaking the project is an NT enterprise
- cost of geochemical analysis (both preparation and analysis) using a laboratory meeting the criteria of an NT enterprise
- drilling of water bores to support drilling, and/or water haulage by an NT enterprise
- earthworks, track construction and/or equipment hire from an NT enterprise.

For the purpose of the TSI, an NT Enterprise is a business that is registered with the [Industry Capability Network Northern Territory](#)<sup>1</sup>; AND operates in the NT; AND has a significant permanent physical presence in the NT; AND predominantly employs NT residents. The list of claimable TSI costs are included in the [Appendix 6](#).

<sup>1</sup> In the case of an individual who cannot register with the ICNNT, the onus is on the applicant to provide sufficient evidence that the individual meets all other criteria.

## 6 Application process

### 6.1 Applying online

Before applying online, please read these guidelines in full.

Funding applications open through [GrantsNT](#) on **Monday 21 February 2022** and close **5:00pm Friday 29 April 2022 (Australian Central Standard Time)**.

The NT Government is not obliged to accept any late applications. Applications received by email will not be considered for funding.

Please see GrantsNT for step by step guide to applying online. Please contact the [Collaborations grant manager](#) for assistance during the application process.

### 6.2 Project proposal

Applicants must upload a project proposal using the project specific proposal template under 'Guidelines and templates' with their online application.

The project specific proposal templates include:

- greenfields drilling proposal template;
- greenfields geophysics proposal template;
- brownfields diamond drilling proposal template; OR
- brownfields targeting proposal template.

If you require assistance determining which project specific proposal template best suits your project, email the [Collaborations grant manager](#) or phone 08 8999 5424 prior to applying online.

The project proposal will include a project proposal cover sheet, abstract, location, summary of the regional geology, previous exploration, exploration concept, details of the proposed program with maps and plans, estimated costs (budget), timeframes and corporate position. The project proposal template allocates the value of assessment points for each section.

Submission of compulsory documentation through GrantsNT includes:

- GIS format files of proposed drilling locations, geophysical survey boundaries or geochemical point data (MapInfo Tab, ESRI shape files)
- business information / financial capacity statements
- current authorised Mining Management Plan (MMP) or Environmental Management Plan (EMP) or evidence of the status awaiting authorisation must be included for any ground disturbing activities
- public liability insurance and workers compensation certificates.



## 6.3 Assessment process

In May, the assessment panel rank all eligible applications by scoring them against one of four specific assessment criteria:

- [Appendix 1: Greenfields drilling assessment criteria](#);
- [Appendix 2: Greenfields geophysics assessment criteria](#);
- [Appendix 3: Brownfields diamond drilling assessment criteria](#); OR
- [Appendix 4: Brownfields targeting assessment criteria](#).

Assessment focusses on the technical merits of the project and its capacity to broaden geological knowledge in greenfields areas of the NT; OR support resource development in brownfields areas of the NT.

The assessment panel includes NTGS Senior Executive Director, Director Regional Geoscience, Manager Geophysics and Remote Sensing, rotating Manager within Regional Geoscience, as well as an independent, senior representative from the NT Government for probity.

The assessment panel reserves the right to recommend partial funding of a proposal.

All decisions made by the Panel will be final with no right of appeal.

## 6.4 Notification

By late May / early June, notification of all successful and unsuccessful applicants will occur via email through GrantsNT.

At the time of announcement, details of successful projects will be publicly released on the Resourcing the Territory website. Information released is limited to company name, project title, relevant tenement and proposed exploration technique. All other information from the proposals are kept commercial in confidence.





## 7 Successful applicants

### 7.1 Funding agreement

By June, the successful applicants enter into a pro-forma funding agreement with the NT Government. The agreement binds the payment of up to the agreed funding amount inclusive of GST with the successful completion of the proposed project, lodging of invoices and supply of all project deliverables within specific timeframes. It also contains conditions regarding media releases and termination rights. More details can be found in the pro-forma funding agreement available upon request.

Co-funded projects can only commence after the public announcement of successful applicants, and once the funding agreement has been fully executed.

### 7.2 Fieldwork

Upon commencement and completion of fieldwork, the **actual commencement and completion date** for fieldwork must be emailed to the [Collaborations grant manager](#).

The fieldwork completion date is defined as the drilling completion date (end-of-hole date for final hole in program) or the completion date of survey acquisition.

All fieldwork must be completed prior to **1 December 2022** for the funding agreement to remain valid.

Under exceptional circumstances, a variation to the program or a request for an extension to commencement or completion date can be made through [GrantsNT](#) for consideration.

### 7.3 Invoicing

Within one month of fieldwork completion, successful applicants submit two invoices (first and final), each for up to a maximum 50 per cent of the awarded funding amount in the funding agreement inclusive of GST through GrantsNT. The two invoices should be from the successful applicant addressed to the NTGS. All supporting contractor invoices and receipts paid must also be provided. The Funding agreement also outlines submission timeframes.

If the actual direct program costs are less than the estimated direct program costs, invoices must reflect half of the actual direct costs. If the actual direct program costs exceed those estimated in the application, these additional costs will be borne by the applicant. Once NTGS verifies the eligible co-funding amount, the first invoice will be paid. The final invoice will be paid upon submission and NTGS approval of all project deliverables outlined under the Funding Agreement.

Successful applicants also need to ensure their GrantsNT Organisation Profile contains bank account details for payments to be processed. New recipients of co-funding, will also be required to fill in and return the Northern Territory Government vendor creation form to process payments through Northern Territory Government systems. This form is available for download through 'Guidelines and templates'.

Please see 'Advice for successful applicants' under 'Guidelines and templates' for step by step instructions for invoicing.

## 7.4 Project deliverables

Within three months of fieldwork completion, successful applicants submit the final report and all associated data through GrantsNT. All final reporting templates and documents are available under 'Guidelines and templates'.

All project deliverables must comply with the reporting and data in [Guideline 7 Reporting on Mineral Titles](#) and [Guidelines for NT Onshore Petroleum Reporting and Data Submission](#) to meet funding obligations. NTGS will review the submission, request amendments if required and approve the submission.

If data is too large to upload using GrantsNT, please contact the [Collaborations grant manager](#) to supply the data by alternative methods.

## 7.5 Drill core and sample submission

Within three months of fieldwork completion of drilling projects, successful applicants deliver drill core (or drill chips from RC only programs) to the nearest NTGS Core Facility, and in accordance with the [geological sample submission procedure](#). The [geological sample submission form](#) must be filled electronically for each drill hole and submitted to the Core Facilities manager and [Collaborations grant manager](#).

For diamond drilling projects, half of all diamond drill core (split lengthways) for the entire length of the cored hole must be submitted as per funding agreement. Submit half core in the correct sized trays for the size of the core, marked up and delivered in accordance with geological sample submission procedure. The half core submitted is owned by the NTGS and must not be sampled. Any analytical sampling, including petrography, must be sampled from the applicants' half of the core.

For RC drilling projects, a clearly labelled chip tray for each metre down the hole and 250g samples for each metre down the hole must be submitted as per the funding agreement. On submission, fill out all details in the 'cuttings intervals' in the geological sample submission form.

**Note:** The NTGS Core Facility will only accept core submissions that comply with the requirements outlined. Non-compliant submissions may be returned to the applicant at their cost.

## 7.6 Project completion

The final invoice will be paid upon submission and NTGS approval of all project deliverables and drill core and sample submission outlined under the funding agreement. All reports and data become **Open File six months after completion of field work. The funding agreement terminates on 30 June 2023.**



## 8 Further information

Applicants are encouraged to seek further information from the contact details below.

## 9 Contact details

### Collaborations grant manager

Northern Territory Geological Survey  
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade  
GPO Box 4550, Darwin NT 0801

Email: [collaborations.DITT@nt.gov.au](mailto:collaborations.DITT@nt.gov.au)

Phone: 08 8999 5424

Web: <https://resourcingtheterritory.nt.gov.au/about/exploration-grants>

### GrantsNT

Web: <https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au>

### Core Facility Manager, Darwin

Northern Territory Geological Survey  
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade  
38 Farrell Crescent, Winnellie NT 0820

Email: [darryl.stacey@nt.gov.au](mailto:darryl.stacey@nt.gov.au)

Phone: 08 8984 3036

### Core Facility Manager, Alice Springs

Northern Territory Geological Survey  
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade  
16 Power Street, Alice Springs NT 0871

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Phone: 08 8951 8652

## 10 Handy links

- [GrantsNT](#)
- [Geological sample submission procedure](#)
- [Geological sample submission form](#)
- [Guideline 7 Reporting on Mineral Titles](#)
- [Resourcing the Territory](#)
- [MMP Authorisation](#)
- [EMP Authorisation](#)
- [Mineral Titles Act 2010](#)
- [Petroleum Regulations 2020](#)
- [Guidelines for NT Onshore Petroleum Reporting and Data Submission](#)
- [Industry Capability Network Northern Territory](#)
- [Advice for successful applicants](#)

## 11 GrantsNT application checklist

1. Register an account with [GrantsNT](#) through the login button.
2. Create an Individual Profile. Use this video for tips <https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/help/accountRegistration>
3. Create or link to an Organisation Profile. Use this video for tips <https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/help/createOrganisationProfile>
4. Use your Organisation Profile to complete a separate online application for each project. Note: Change Profile to Organisation if your profile lists your name.
5. Fill in the online application and upload:
  - Completed proposal template
  - GIS files (MapInfo Tab / ESRI Shape) of drillhole collar locations (zip multiple files) or geophysical survey boundaries or geochemical point data
  - Corporate position documents. This may include the applicant's debt, equity or cash position, or a combination of these. The financial statement must be less than six months old and be accompanied by acceptable evidence. Provide documents to support your business and financial information. Examples of acceptable evidence are bank statements, signed letter from an Australian bank manager or independent accountant or a company's independently verified quarterly financial report. Please do not attach a full copy of the Company's Annual Report (zip multiple files).
  - Certificate of Currency for public liability
  - Certificate of Currency for workers compensation
  - MMP or EMP, or evidence in process (zip multiple files)
  - Any other relevant documents to support your application under 'Other supporting documents' with your GrantsNT application (zip multiple files).



# APPENDIX 1: Greenfields drilling assessment criteria

Assessment is against the Project Application and will only occur for those applications that meet the funding criteria.

Criteria	Available score	Applicant's score
<b>Regional context</b>	<b>5</b>	
Demonstrated knowledge of geology and past exploration in area of application	5	
<b>Exploration concept</b>	<b>20</b>	
Tests soundly based geological or exploration model	10	
Potential to advance exploration activity in underexplored areas	10	
<b>Proposed program</b>	<b>55</b>	
Diamond drilling is distant from previous diamond drilling at similar depth; OR RC drilling is distant from any previous drilling, or previous drilling did not effectively test bedrock	20	
Delivers basic geological information (eg age, stratigraphic relationships, structural settings, untested geochemical or geophysical anomalies, resolves depth to geophysical target or basement, new commodity in project area)	20	
Proposed method of drilling (eg suitability of method for target, quality of sample, core size, triple tubes, full core, RC, diamond tails, proposed recovery)	5	
Proposed methods of analyses (eg assays, downhole logging suite, downhole EM, magnetic susceptibility, petrography, isotopic analysis, dating, QA/QC)	5	
Sufficient supporting evidence for exploration target generation (including maps, geology plan, cross-sections)	5	
<b>Estimated costs and timeframes</b>	<b>10</b>	
Adequate budget estimate of proposed program	5	
Timing of proposed program	5	
<b>Corporate capacity and performance</b>	<b>10</b>	
Financial and technical capacity of the applicant to undertake the proposed program	5	
Company has no outstanding expenditure/reporting commitments; past performance in co-funding programs	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

## APPENDIX 2: Greenfields geophysics assessment criteria

Assessment is against the Project Application and will only occur for those applications that meet the funding criteria.

Criteria	Available score	Applicant's score
<b>Regional context</b>	<b>5</b>	
Demonstrated knowledge of geology and past exploration in area of application	5	
<b>Exploration concept</b>	<b>20</b>	
Designed to generate targets for a soundly based exploration model	10	
Potential to advance exploration activity in underexplored areas	10	
<b>Proposed program</b>	<b>55</b>	
Program is of a <a href="#">Regional-scale</a> and will improve the resolution / quality of existing regional scale data in the area	20	
Contribution to basic understanding of regional geology (eg major structures, nature of basement, geophysical anomalies)	20	
Suitability of proposed geophysical technique to test exploration concept or understand geological framework	10	
Specifications of the survey design to test the exploration concept or understand geological framework (eg line spacing, line kilometres, area covered, grid spacing, line direction)	5	
<b>Estimated costs and timeframes</b>	<b>10</b>	
Adequate budget estimate of proposed program	5	
Timing of proposed program	5	
<b>Corporate capacity and performance</b>	<b>10</b>	
Financial and technical capacity of the applicant to undertake the proposed program	5	
Company has no outstanding expenditure/reporting commitments; past performance in co-funding programs	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

# APPENDIX 3: Brownfields diamond drilling assessment criteria

Assessment is against the Project Application and will only occur for those applications that meet the funding criteria.

Criteria	Available score	Applicant's score
<b>Regional context</b>	<b>5</b>	
Demonstrated knowledge of geology and past exploration in area of application	5	
<b>Exploration concept</b>	<b>20</b>	
Tests sound conceptual target below or adjacent to known deposit AND/OR an <a href="#">Identified Resource</a>	10	
Potential to increase exploration activity and/or resource development in the area	10	
<b>Proposed program</b>	<b>55</b>	
Drill target is outside of an Identified Resource; OR drill target must be considerably deeper than existing drilling and has not been previously tested by diamond drilling	20	
Contributes to enhanced geological understanding and characterisation of target commodity(s), mineral system and/or geological setting (eg age, mineralisation style, structural and stratigraphic relationships or resolve depth to geophysical target)	20	
Proposed specifications of drilling (eg quality of sample, core size, triple tubes, full core, diamond tails, proposed recovery)	5	
Proposed methods of analyses (eg assays, downhole EM, magnetic susceptibility, petrography, isotopic analysis, dating, QA/QC)	5	
Sufficient supporting evidence for target generation (including maps, geology plan, cross-sections)	5	
<b>Estimated costs and timeframes</b>	<b>10</b>	
Adequate budget estimate of proposed program	5	
Timing of proposed program	5	
<b>Corporate capacity and performance</b>	<b>10</b>	
Financial and technical capacity of the applicant to undertake the proposed program	5	
Company has no outstanding expenditure/reporting commitments; past performance in co-funding programs	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

# APPENDIX 4: Brownfields targeting assessment criteria

Assessment is against the Project Application and will only occur for those applications that meet the funding criteria.

Criteria	Available score	Applicant's score
<b>Regional context</b>	<b>5</b>	
Demonstrated knowledge of geology and past exploration in area of application	5	
<b>Exploration concept</b>	<b>20</b>	
Designed to generate targets for a soundly based economic deposit model or testing soundly based conceptual model	10	
Potential to increase exploration activity and/or resource development in the area	10	
<b>Proposed program</b>	<b>55</b>	
Suitability of proposed technique/s and specifications of program design (eg geophysical survey parameters, geochemical survey parameters, elements and techniques used for re-analysis) to support exploration concept	20	
Delivers enhanced understanding of camp- or prospect-scale geology (eg geophysical anomalies, geochemical anomalies, major structures, nature of basement)	15	
Program uses innovative and/or untested techniques in the project area that may have wider applications for target generation	15	
Sufficient supporting evidence for target generation (including maps, geology plan, cross-sections)	5	
<b>Estimated costs and timeframes</b>	<b>10</b>	
Adequate budget estimate of proposed program	5	
Timing of proposed program	5	
<b>Corporate capacity and performance</b>	<b>10</b>	
Financial and technical capacity of the applicant to undertake the proposed program	5	
Company has no outstanding expenditure/reporting commitments; past performance in co-funding programs	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

# APPENDIX 5: Breakdown of claimable direct program costs

Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations.

Cost	Eligibility
landholder liaison, other site clearance issues	x
rack construction and site preparation	x
insurance	x
collar surveys	x
mobilisation, demobilisation, inter-hole moves, stand by rates (up to combined \$10 000 for greenfields and \$5000 for brownfields projects)	✓
per metre cost of drilling (includes work time)	✓
hauling water for drilling if not included in meterage rate	x
drilling waterbore to provide water for drilling	x
camp costs	x
catering	x
casing	✓
plugs	✓
drilling fluids	✓
any material lost or abandoned in hole, intentionally or otherwise	x
core orientation costs and consumables	✓
core trays, markers	✓
core cutting/sampling costs	x
freight of core and samples	x
geochemical assays	x
analysis of core including petrology/ petrography	x
hire or use of downhole camera	✓
SEM	x
isotope studies	x
PIMA	x
PPE and other WHS costs	x
training	x
travel	x
diesel/fuel for travel	x
repairs/equipment (capital cost)	x
rehabilitation / abandonment	x
costs of report preparation	x
per line km / per station cost of geophysical acquisition	✓
aircraft / seismic mobilisation, demobilisation (up to combined \$10 000 for greenfields and \$5000 for brownfields projects)	✓
downhole surveys	✓
wireline logging	✓
directional surveys done as part of drilling contract	✓
directional surveys by specialist contractor	x

# APPENDIX 6: Territory Supplier Incentive for NT enterprises

Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations.

Cost	Eligibility
per metre cost of drilling, mobilisation/demob/inter-hole moves, standby	✓
drilling waterbore to provide water for drilling	✓
hauling water for drilling if not included in meterage rate	✓
earth works for track, site, pad preparation	✓
equipment hire by NT supplier	✓
full geochemical analyses undertaken in a laboratory in the NT	✓

The **Territory Supplier Incentive (TSI)** offers up to **\$10 000** inclusive of GST per project of additional funding to engage NT enterprises, which must be spent on local service and supply.

This can include up to 50 per cent of the cost of:

- \$20 000 worth of additional drilling on the proposed program, if the drilling contractor undertaking the project is an NT enterprise
- cost of geochemical analysis (both preparation and analysis) using a laboratory meeting the criteria of an NT enterprise
- drilling of water bores to support drilling, and/or water haulage by an NT enterprise
- earthworks, track construction and/or equipment hire from an NT enterprise

For the purpose of the TSI, an NT Enterprise is a business that is registered with the Industry Capability Network Northern Territory<sup>2</sup> and does all of the following: operates in the NT, has a significant permanent physical presence in the NT, and predominantly employs NT residents.

<sup>2</sup> In the case of an individual who cannot register with the ICNNT, the onus is on the applicant to provide sufficient evidence that the individual meets all other criteria.