



Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations Program GUIDELINES

Round 16
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Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade

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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 [Resourcing the Territory](#) program and administered by the Northern Territory Geological Survey (NTGS).

The objective of the GDC program is 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 16 to share between eligible, selected programs. The program provides co-funding up to 50 per cent of direct project costs capped at specific funding amounts for specific projects outlined below.

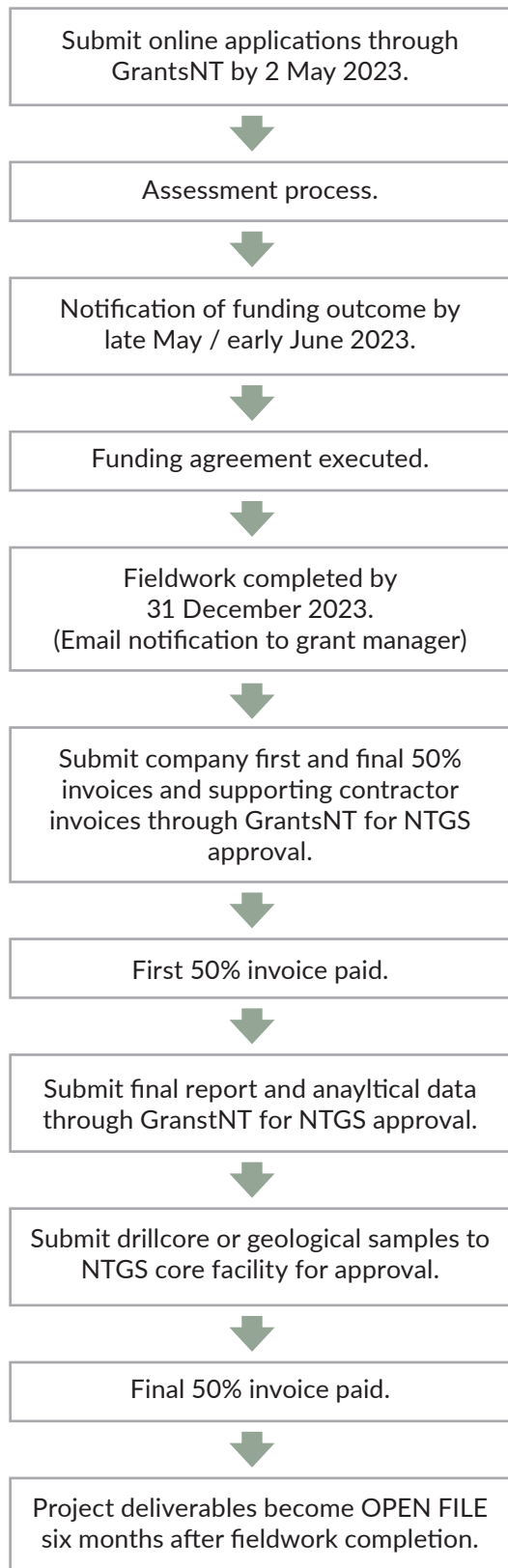
Project Type	Aim	Activity	Maximum co-funding amounts inclusive of GST
Greenfields drilling	Increase density of geoscientific data to improve geological knowledge and de-risk underexplored areas of the NT.	Single deep diamond hole in an underexplored area.	\$200 000
		Multi-hole diamond drilling programs in underexplored areas.	\$150 000
		Non-diamond drilling programs where no other drilling exists.	\$100 000
Brownfields diamond drilling	Support resource development in areas of known resource endowment.	Diamond drilling of untested conceptual targets below or adjacent to a known deposit.	\$150 000
Regional-scale geophysics	Improve the quality and resolution of large regional geophysical datasets.	Regional-scale (>350km ² area or >25km traverse length) geophysical acquisition resulting in a significant improvement in the resolution and quality of existing data.	\$100 000
		Reflection seismic surveys greater than 25km length in underexplored areas.	\$150 000
Innovative targeting	Promote innovation in exploration targeting and encourage use of existing sample sets to assess multi-commodity potential (e.g. critical minerals).	Camp- or prospect-scale acquisition of geophysics or geochemistry for target generation where technique and/or approach is innovative in the area of interest.	\$100 000
		Re-analysis of existing sample sets and/or mine waste to identify potential for additional elements and/or improve targeting (e.g. multi element analysis, petrophysical data).	

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.

Applications for round 16 open **20 February 2023** and close on **2 May 2023**.

Read these guidelines for all the details on eligibility, claimable costs, assessment criteria, how to apply and the funding sequence. For queries contact collaborations.DITT@nt.gov.au.

2. Funding sequence



3. Important dates

Date	Event
Monday 20 February 2023	Applications open for round 16 through GrantsNT
5pm ACST Tuesday 2 May 2023	Applications close for round 16
May 2023	Assessment panel meet and applicants notified of funding outcome
June 2023	Funding agreements negotiated and signed with successful applicants
Sunday 31 December 2023	All fieldwork must be complete
Sunday 30 June 2024	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 a contiguous area of approximately 350 km² 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. Co-funding projects and eligibility criteria

Project type	Activity	Specific project eligibility	Maximum co-funding amounts inclusive of GST	Assessment criteria and proposal template
Greenfields drilling programs	Single deep diamond hole in underexplored areas.	Programs must be located away from known deposits. There must be no previous diamond drilling in the area, or the proposed drilling must be significantly deeper than any existing drilling. Non-diamond pre-collars must account for less than half of the proposed drill metres.	\$200 000	Appendix 1: Greenfields drilling assessment criteria and greenfield drilling proposal template
	Multi-hole diamond drilling programs in underexplored areas.		\$150 000	
	Non-diamond drilling programs in underexplored areas.	Reverse-circulation (RC) programs must demonstrate there is no previous drilling of any method in the project area, OR any previous drilling in the area was shallow RAB or aircore drilling that did not effectively test the target or bedrock. Aircore, RAB or sonic programs must demonstrate there is no previous drilling of any method in the project area (e.g. first pass drilling).	\$100 000	
Brownfields diamond drilling	Diamond drilling of untested conceptual targets below or adjacent to a known deposit.	Drilling must be significantly deeper than existing drilling and/or target has not been adequately tested by drilling. Targets must be outside of an existing Identified Resource. Non-diamond pre-collars must account for less than half of the proposed drill metres. Projects will be not eligible when: drilling shallow holes into known mineralisation; undertaking resource definition or development drilling; or utilising only RC, RAB or aircore drilling.	\$150 000	Appendix 2: Brownfields drilling assessment criteria and brownfields diamond drilling proposal template
Regional-scale geophysics	Geophysical acquisition resulting in a significant improvement in the resolution and quality of existing data.	Airborne surveys and ground gravity surveys must cover a contiguous area greater than 350km ² , OR Passive seismic or MT traverses must be greater than 25km length.	\$100 000	Appendix 3: Regional-scale geophysics assessment criteria and regional-scale geophysics proposal template
	Reflection seismic surveys in underexplored areas.	Reflection seismic traverses must be greater than 25km length.	\$150 000	
Innovative targeting	Camp- or prospect-scale acquisition of geophysics or geochemistry for target generation.	Programs must demonstrate the proposed technique and/or approach is innovative in the area of interest. Programs proposing multiple complementary datasets to improve targeting (geophysical and/or geochemical) are eligible.	\$100 000	Appendix 4: Innovative targeting assessment criteria and innovative targeting proposal template
	Re-analysis of existing sample sets and/or mine waste.	Programs must propose additional analysis on existing sample sets and/or mine waste to include previously untested commodities (e.g. critical minerals) and/or improve targeting. This may include multi element geochemical analysis, petrophysical data collection or other techniques.		

5.1 Essential requirements

In conjunction with the project specific eligibility criteria the following essential requirements 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 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.
- project types (e.g. greenfields drilling, brownfields diamond drilling, regional-scale geophysics and innovative targeting) cannot be combined under a single application. Applicants must fill in separate online applications for each project type.
- there is no limit to the number of applications submitted by any one applicant. However, only one application of each project type per tenement or project area will be funded per round. For example, a greenfields drilling project and a regional-scale geophysics project may be co-funded over the same area, while two greenfields drilling projects may not. The lower scoring application will be excluded from the final rankings in the assessment process.
- 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 the 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 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 (e.g. casing, plugs, drilling fluids)
- 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 drilling and \$5000 for brownfields drilling)
- per line km / per station / cost of geophysical acquisition
- aircraft / seismic mobilisation / demobilisation / stand by (capped at combined cost of \$10 000 for regional scale acquisition and \$5000 for innovative targeting)

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
- repairs / equipment
- transportation / travel for personnel
- company personnel salaries or other personnel costs
- camp costs
- rehabilitation

5.3 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](#)¹; 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](#).

¹ 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 20 February 2023** and close **5:00pm Tuesday 2 May 2023 (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. GrantsNT provides useful user [help guides](#).

Please contact collaborations.DITT@nt.gov.au for assistance during the application process.

6.2 Project proposal

Applicants must upload a project proposal using the project specific proposal template under [Exploration grants 'guidelines and templates'](#) with their online application.

The project specific proposal templates include:

- [Greenfields drilling proposal template](#);
- [Brownfields diamond drilling proposal template](#);
- [Regional-scale geophysics proposal template](#); OR
- [Innovative targeting proposal template](#).

If you require assistance determining which project specific proposal template best suits your project, email collaborations.DITT@nt.gov.au 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 or geophysical survey boundaries (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: Brownfields diamond drilling assessment criteria](#);
- [Appendix 3: Regional-scale geophysics assessment criteria](#); OR
- [Appendix 4: Innovative targeting assessment criteria](#).

Assessment focusses on the technical merits of the project and its capacity to broaden geological knowledge or support resource development in 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 partially fund 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 a 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 collaborations.ditt@nt.gov.au.

All fieldwork must be completed prior to **31 December 2023** 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 details will be outlined in the Funding Agreement.

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.

The two invoices from the successful applicant to NTGS, and all supporting contractor / supplier invoices must be submitted through GrantsNT (using your account - Organisation profile) for NTGS approval. The claimable costs template can be submitted to help substantiate claims if useful and can be downloaded through [Exploration grants 'guidelines and templates'](#).

Once claimable costs are verified and invoices accurate, 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.

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 [Exploration grants 'guidelines and templates'](#).

Note: Successful applicants also need to ensure the Organisation Profile contains bank account details for payments to be processed.

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 through [Exploration grants '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 collaborations.ditt@nt.gov.au 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.ditt@nt.gov.au.

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 non-diamond drilling projects, a clearly labeled chip tray for each metre down the hole and 250g samples for each metre down the hole must be offered as per the funding agreement. On submission, fill out all details in the 'cuttings intervals' in the [geological sample submission form](#).

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.

Note: NTGS reserve the right to choose a selection of representative core and/or samples from a program for retention in the NTGS Core Facility. NTGS may request preliminary geochemical data and core and/or chip photography to evaluate which holes will be submitted for retention from the program. Programs where NTGS may not choose to accept all core/samples include multi-hole brownfields diamond drilling programs and non-diamond drilling programs. This process

will be discussed on a case-by-case basis directly with the applicant prior to the core and sample submission process.

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 2024**.

7.7 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

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

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

8. Handy links

[GrantsNT](#)

[Geological sample submission procedure](#)

[Geological sample submission form](#)

[Guideline 7 Reporting on Mineral Titles](#)

[Guidelines for NT Onshore Petroleum Reporting and Data Submission](#)

[Resourcing the Territory | Home page](#)

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[MMP Authorisation](#)

[EMP Authorisation](#)

[Mineral Titles Act 2010](#)

[Petroleum Regulations 2020](#)

[Industry Capability Network Northern Territory](#)



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
Regional context	5	
Demonstrated knowledge of geology and past exploration in area of application	5	
Exploration concept	20	
Tests soundly based geological or exploration model	10	
Potential to advance exploration activity in underexplored areas	10	
Proposed program	55	
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 target and/or bedrock; OR Other non-diamond drilling technique (e.g. aircore, RAB, sonic) is distant from any previous drilling (e.g. first pass drilling of an area)	20	
Delivers basic geological information (e.g. age, stratigraphic relationships, structural settings, untested geochemical or geophysical anomalies, resolves depth to geophysical target or basement, assesses potential for new commodity in project area)	15	
Proposed additional analyses (e.g. multi element geochemical analysis, downhole logging suite, downhole EM, petrophysics, petrography, isotopic analysis, QAQC)	10	
Proposed method of drilling (e.g. suitability of drilling method for target, quality of recovered core or sample)	5	
Sufficient supporting evidence for exploration target generation (including geological maps, and images of geophysical targets and/or cross-sections where relevant)	5	
Estimated costs and timeframes	10	
Adequate budget estimate of proposed program	5	
Timing of proposed program	5	
Corporate capacity and performance	10	
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	
Total	100	

APPENDIX 2: 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
Regional context	5	
Demonstrated knowledge of geology and past exploration in area of application	5	
Exploration concept	20	
Tests soundly based conceptual target below or adjacent to known deposits but outside of an Identified Resource	10	
Potential to increase exploration activity and/or resource development in the area	10	
Proposed program	55	
Drill target must be significantly deeper than existing drilling and/or target has not been adequately tested by drilling	20	
Contributes to enhanced geological understanding and characterisation of target commodity(s), mineral system and/or geological setting (e.g. age, mineralisation style, structural and stratigraphic relationships or resolve depth to geophysical target)	15	
Proposed additional analysis (e.g. multi-element geochemical analysis, downhole EM, petrography, petrophysics, isotopic analysis, QA/QC)	10	
Proposed specifications of drilling (e.g. quality of sample, core size, triple tubes, full core, diamond tails, proposed recovery)	5	
Sufficient supporting evidence for target generation and relationship between proposed program, Identified Resource and existing drilling (including geological maps, images of geophysical targets and cross-sections)	5	
Estimated costs and timeframes	10	
Adequate budget estimate of proposed program	5	
Timing of proposed program	5	
Corporate capacity and performance	10	
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	
Total	100	

APPENDIX 3: Regional-scale 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
Regional context	5	
Demonstrated knowledge of geology and past exploration in area of application	5	
Exploration concept	20	
Designed to generate targets for a soundly based exploration model	10	
Potential to advance exploration activity in underexplored areas	10	
Proposed program	55	
Program is of a Regional-scale and will improve the resolution / quality of existing regional scale data in the area	20	
Contribution to basic understanding of regional geology (e.g. 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 (e.g. line spacing, line kilometres, area covered, grid spacing, line direction)	5	
Estimated costs and timeframes	10	
Adequate budget estimate of proposed program	5	
Timing of proposed program	5	
Corporate capacity and performance	10	
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	
Total	100	

APPENDIX 4: Innovative 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
Regional context	5	
Demonstrated knowledge of geology and past exploration in area of application	5	
Exploration concept	20	
Designed to generate targets for a soundly based economic deposit model or testing a soundly based geological concept	10	
Potential to increase exploration activity and/or resource development in the area	10	
Proposed program	55	
Suitability of proposed technique/s and specifications of program design to support exploration concept (e.g. geophysical survey parameters, geochemical survey parameters, elements and techniques used for re-analysis)	20	
Demonstrated evidence that technique and/or approach is innovative and/or has not been tested in the area of interest	15	
Delivers increased knowledge of targeting techniques for the commodity of interest in the project area, with broader regional implications; OR Delivers enhanced knowledge of the multi-commodity potential of the region with potential to diversify the regional commodity base	10	
Delivers enhanced understanding of camp- or prospect-scale geology (e.g. refined geophysical anomalies, geochemical anomalies, major structures, nature of basement)	5	
Sufficient supporting evidence for program design (including geological maps, geophysical images and/or cross-sections); OR Sufficient supporting evidence to justify rationale for re-analysis of existing sample sets (including maps and relevant details of sample sets)	5	
Estimated costs and timeframes	10	
Adequate budget estimate of proposed program	5	
Timing of proposed program	5	
Corporate capacity and performance	10	
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	
Total	100	

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 drilling and \$5000 for brownfields drilling 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	X
repairs / equipment (capital costs)	X
rehabilitation / abandonment	X
costs of report preparation	X
per line km / per station cost of geophysical acquisition	✓
aircraft / seismic mobilisation, demobilisation / standby (capped at combined cost of \$10 000 for regional scale acquisition and \$5000 for innovative targeting)	✓
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	x
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	✓
geochemical analyses (preparation and analysis) 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 Territory² and does all of the following: operates in the NT, has a significant permanent physical presence in the NT, and predominantly employs NT residents.

² 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