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# Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations Program

# ADVANCING CRITICAL MINERALS PROPOSAL

# Round 18, 2025–2026

* Ensure you have read the guidelines in full.
* Complete your advancing critical minerals proposal using the following template.
* Adequately address questions / assessment criteria (indicated with percentage value of assessment).
* Where questions are not relevant to your proposal, please mark N/A.
* Upload the proposal with compulsory supporting documents and any additional supporting documents in the online application.

## Round 18 - Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations program

## Advancing critical minerals

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| Project title |  |
| Applicant (Company Name) |  |
| Granted exploration licence number(s) where this proposal is to be undertaken |  |
| Proposed type of exploration program for funding (advancing critical minerals) | Advancing critical minerals |
| Brief summary of program (exploration target or resource, analyses proposed) |  |
| 1. Amount of co-funding requested   Up to **$50 000** for re-analysis of existing sample sets and/or mine water for untested critical minerals  OR  Up to **$50 000** for early stage metallurgical test work and/or ore characterisation to assess potential recoverability of critical minerals from mineralised material  (inclusive of GST) |  |
| 1. Territory Supplier Incentive requested   Up to **$10 000** (inclusive of GST) |  |
| 1. **Total Funding Amount** being requested  (A + B) (inclusive of GST) |  |
| 1. Total estimated project costs |  |
| Proposed timeframes for commencement and completion of program |  |
| Primary contact person |  |

### 1. Summary/Abstract

1. Summarise the program and its objectives. How will the program increase geological knowledge and develop the resource potential of the area? (up to 300 words)

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### 2. Location

1. Where is the proposed program located? (up to 100 words)

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1. Insert map with coordinates showing proposed geophysical survey boundaries, with outcrop geology, tenement boundaries, access infrastructure, and other existing exploration data

### 3. Regional context *(5%)*

1. What is the geology within the project area in the context of the regional geological framework? (up to 300 words)

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1. What past exploration has occurred in the project area, for what commodities and/or styles of mineralisation? (up to 300 words)

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### 4. Exploration concept *(20%)*

1. How does the program test a soundly based economic deposit model or geological concept? (***10%*** – up to 300 words)

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1. How does the program have potential to advance critical minerals exploration activity and/or development in the Project Area, with possible broader regional implications? (***10%*** – up to 300 words)

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### 5. Proposed program *(50%)*

1. Demonstrate there is insufficient existing analyses to determine whether the critical mineral/s of interest may be present in economically significant quantities in the identified prospect/deposit or mine waste. Include locations and details of existing data; OR

Demonstrate the mineralisation or ore deposit to be tested contains potentially economic accumulations of critical minerals and has had no substantial early stage metallurgical or ore characterisation test work undertaken. Include locations of proposed test work and details of any previous work undertaken. (***20%*** – up to 400 words)

**Note:** project development stage for undertaking metallurgical work should be prior to pre-feasibility, unless new critical minerals are being assessed. Please outline findings from any previous studies undertaken

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1. Describe the proposed program specifications, analyses and/or technique/s (e.g. multi‑element geochemical analysis for untested critical minerals, early stage metallurgical test work). (***15%*** – up to 200 words)

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1. What enhanced understanding of potential critical minerals endowment and/or recoverability will be delivered? (**1*0%*** – up to 100 words)

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1. Provide maps and plans to support exploration program (***5%)***

* Include map and / or cross sections showing proposed sampling program, tenement boundaries and relevant pre-existing geophysical / geochemical coverage / resource models / pit or underground designs in the project area or other exploration data, if not already provided in Section 2.

**Note:** All images must be clear and decipherable, including scale and legends. Additional maps or plans not included in the body of the project proposal may be included in ‘Other supporting documents’ in the GrantsNT application. Please zip multiple files.

### 6. Estimated costs (5%)

1. What co-funding amount are you requesting (50 per cent of direct costs up to **$50,000** inclusive of GST)? Do you have a contractor quote to support your estimate? Please include quote with supporting documents if applicable. (up to 50 words)

**Note:** Full score will only apply when contractor quotes are provided (quote can be up to 12 months prior to proposed activity).

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1. Provide an estimate of the direct program costs and co-funding requested in the table below or your own breakdown.

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| Claimable cost | Unit | $ Cost | $ Direct cost | $ Co-funded (50%) |
| contract geoscientific services |  |  |  |  |
| laboratory analyses or specific geoscientific analyses |  |  |  |  |
| other test work |  |  |  |  |
| site clearance |  |  |  | Ineligible |
| equipment hire and/or replacements |  |  |  | Ineligible |
| personnel, land access, project management costs |  |  |  | Ineligible |
| other costs (fuel, travel, catering, camp costs) |  |  |  | Ineligible |
| GST |  | |  |  |
| Total eligible costs |  | |  | $0.00 |

**Note:** See **GDC Guidelines Appendix 6** for a full list of components that may be funded. Claimable costs exclude all administration and project management costs, land access, personnel, laboratory analyses or specific geoscientific analyses other than down hole surveys and wireline logging.

1. What co-funding amount are you requesting for the Territory Supplier Incentive (TSI) inclusive of GST? (up to 50 per cent of additional costs capped at **$10 000** inclusive of GST). Do you have contractor quote to support your estimate? Please include quote with supporting documents if applicable. (up to 50 words)

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1. Provide an estimate of the TSI costs and co-funding requested in the table below (if useful).

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| TSI claimable cost | Expected contractor? | Unit | $ Cost | $ Direct cost | $ Co-funded (50%) |
| cost of analyses where company defined as a Territory Enterprise |  |  |  |  |  |
| earth works for track, site preparation by a Territory Enterprise |  |  |  |  |  |
| equipment hire from a Territory Enterprise |  |  |  |  |  |
| GST |  |  | |  |  |
| Total eligible costs |  |  | |  | $0.00 |

**Note:** See **GDC Guidelines Appendix 7** for a full description of the incentive.

### 7. Timeframes (10%)

* 1. What are the timeframes for the commencement and the completion of the field program? Discuss contractor availability, weather and any other considerations. Identify risks for any potential delays in the timeframes and ways to mitigate those risks. (**5% -** up to 100 words)

**Note:** Full score will only apply when contractor committed.

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b) Do you have a current authorised Environmental (Mining) Licence E(M)L or Deemed Licence (DL) or Environmental Management Plan (EMP), or evidence of the status of an E(M)L/EMP awaiting authorisation? What is the status of land access, heritage and cultural and/or certificates? (**5% -** up to 100 words)

**Note:** Full score will only apply when E(M)L or EMP is authorised and verified, and all land access and cultural and heritage clearances have been completed.

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### 8. Corporate capacity (*5%*)

1. What are the financial resources available to complete the program? (up to 100 words)

**Note**: Full score will only apply when financial statements demonstrating your capacity to complete the project are provided.

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1. What are the technical abilities, including qualifications and experience of staff involved in the program? (up to 100 words)

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### 9. Performance (*5%*)

1. What is your current exploration commitment in the Northern Territory across your tenement/s? Have you met your covenant in the past two years? Do you have outstanding reporting? (up to 100 words)

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1. What previous co-funding have you been awarded under the Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations Program and did you complete the project/s? How will you mitigate the risks associated with previous withdrawn projects? (up to 100 words)

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### 10. GrantsNT application checklist

1. Register an **account** with [GrantsNT](https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/) through the **login** button.
2. Create an Individual Profile.

Use this video for tips <https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/help/introduction>

1. Create or link to an Organisation Profile.

Use this video for tips <https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/help/createOrganisationProfile>

1. Use your Organisation Profile to complete a separate online application for each project. **Note**: Before clicking ‘Apply now’ change Profile to Organisation if your profile lists your name.
2. Fill in the online application and upload:

* Completed proposal template
* GIS files (MapInfo Tab / ESRI Shape) geophysical survey boundaries AND/OR geochemical location data (zip multiple files)
* 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
* E(M)L or EMP and land access and clearances, or evidence in process, if applicable (zip multiple files)
* Any other relevant documents to support your application under ‘Other supporting documents’ with your GrantsNT application (zip multiple files).