



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Natural Resources

March 5, 2020



**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-63-2020)**

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On February 11, 2020, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

**Please provide a complete list of business financial assistance programs - defined as public funding provided to private sector entities in any form (e.g. subsidy, tax rebate, non-repayable loan, etc.) for determined outcomes -**

- 1. Name of program**
- 2. Total budget**
- 3. Total funding approved for private sector entities**
- 4. Total number of private sector entities who applied for funding**
- 5. Total number of private sector entities who received funding**

**Please provide the following information on each program for 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019:**

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to the requested information. Please see the answers below:

The Department of Natural Resources funds the **Mineral Incentive Program**. This includes the Junior Exploration Assistance Program (JEA) and the Prospectors Assistance Program (PA). The MIP budget shown below includes both JEA and PA.

Fiscal Year	MIP Budget	# of JEA Requests	Projects Funded	Total Amount Funded	# of PA Requests	Projects Funded	Total Amount Funded
2014 - 2015	1.9 M	20	18	\$1,388,908.00	68	65	\$265,278.44
2015 - 2016	1.6 M	22	13	\$959,593.51	69	63	\$252,128.94
2016 - 2017	1.7 M	31	22	\$1,389,979.49	58	52	\$241,410.32
2017 - 2018	1.7 M	32	28	\$1,390,000.00	67	47	\$217,618.58
2018 - 2019	1.7 M	36	30	\$1,415,919.05	63	50	\$228,027.62

The Department of Natural Resources receives funding from Husky Energy for an **Innovation and Business Development Fund** (IBDF). None of the funds in the program come from government revenue, however the Department of Natural Resources does administer the program and provide non-repayable contributions to applicants via the IBDF. The annual IBDF funding is \$6 M for ten years beginning in 2018-19, however as the program was launched in the third quarter of 2018-19 the budget for that year was revised downward to \$3 M. Please see details below:

Fiscal Year	Budget *	# of Requests	# of Private Sector Entities Receiving Funding	Total Amount Funded
2018-2019	\$3 M	10	6	\$2,989,670.00

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The request for review may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P.O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after receiving the department's decision.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

For further details about how an access to information request is processed, please refer to the Access to Information Policy and Procedures Manual at <http://www.atipp.gov.nl.ca/info/index.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or [rhynes@gov.nl.ca](mailto:rhynes@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



Rod Hynes  
ATIPP Coordinator