

[REDACTED] S.40 (1)

October 26, 2018

Dear [REDACTED] S.40 (1)

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, our file # TCII/39/2018

On Monday, October 1, 2018 Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation received your request for access to the following records:

Please provide a complete list of business financial assistance programs - *defined as public funding provided to private sector companies and self-employed individuals in any form (eq. subsidy, tax rebate, non-repayable or repayable loan, etc.) [or determined outcomes- offered by the department / public body, including programs delivered by third parties.*

Please provide the following information on each program for 2015, 2016 and 2017:

1. Name of the program
2. Total budget
3. Total marketing/communication/promotion spending
4. Total funding approved for private sector companies and self-employed individuals
5. Total number of private sector companies and self-employed individuals who applied for funding based on company size: 1-4 employees, 5-19 employees, 20-99 employees, 100-499 employees, and 500+ employees
6. Total number of private sector companies and self-employed individuals who received funding based on company size: 1-4 employees, 5-19 employees, 20-99 employees, 100-499 employees, and 500+ employees; and
7. Total number of private sector companies and self-employed individuals who received funding in the previous year.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation to provide access to the requested information that is tracked in the Department's Client Information Systems. We have provided information for the programs that fit the definition in your request. With respect to part 3 of your request, the program budgets do not include marketing and promotion spending. In 2015/16 there was marketing support available in TCII and the budget may be viewed at the following link <http://www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2016/estimates/estimates.pdf> - please see page 152, Section 2.1.02 Marketing and Enterprise Outreach. Subsequent to 2015/16 this marketing function was transferred to the Communications and Marketing Branch of Executive Council.

As discussed by telephone on October 1, 2018 and again today, October 26, 2018, TCII's Client Information Systems do not categorize businesses as outlined in parts 5 and 6 of your request. Where available, information on the number of companies that applied for funding, the number of companies that were approved for funding, and/or the number of companies that received funding, for each program for each fiscal year, has been presented in the attached tables.

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). 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. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal 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

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

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 Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me phone at (709) 729-7246 or by e-mail at heatherbrown@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,



Heather Brown
ATIPP Coordinator

Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

- (2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days
 - (a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or
 - (b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).
- (3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.
- (4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.
- (5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.
- (6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52 (1) or 53 (1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.
- (7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.
- (8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to
 - (a) a request that is disregarded under section 21 ;
 - (b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23 ;
 - (c) a variation of a procedure under section 24 ; or
 - (d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26 .
- (9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 , the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45 (2).

Program	Total Program Budget	Total Funding approved	Number of Companies approved for funding
2015-2016			
Business Development Support (Grant)	3,363,100	2,641,175	128
Business Investment (Loan)	There is no budget. This is a revolving fund program that sustains itself.	7,050,172	26
CEDP - Publishers Assistance Program (Grant)	200,000	200,001	5
Investment Attraction (Loan)	8,000,000	6,500,000	1
Regional Development (Grant)	9,060,600	381,549	2
Totals		16,772,897	162

Program	Total Program Budget	Total Funding approved	Number of companies applied for funding	Number of Companies received funding
2015-2016				
R&D Proof of Concept	2,500,000	2,389,039	18	12
SensorTECH	1,000,000	2,065,877	4	5
ArcticTECH	1,390,000	1,816,449	3	2
GeoEXPLORE	500,000	2,505,111	5	5
R&D Vouchers	100,000	40,095	4	2
EmployR&D	200,000	299,137	2	2
Petroleum R&D Accelerator	500,000	-	0	0
Total		9,115,708	36	28

Program	Total Program Budget	Total Funding approved	Number of Companies approved for funding	Number of companies approved for funding in 2015/16
2016-2017				
Business Development Support (Grant)	3,636,100	2,031,339	147	41
Business Investment (Loan)	There is no budget. This is a revolving fund program that sustains itself.	3,755,290	26	2
CEDP - Publishers Assistance Program (Grant)	200,000	200,016	5	5
Investment Attraction (Loan)	8,000,000	6,000,000	1	0
Total		11,986,645	179	48

Program	Total Program Budget	Total Funding approved	Number of companies applied for funding	Number of Companies received funding	Number of companies receiving funding in 2015/16
2016-2017					
R&D Proof of Concept	2,139,000	2,921,603	30	20	-
SensorTECH	1,250,000	1,372,767	8	4	-
ArcticTECH	1,300,000	1,842,793	2	4	-
GeoEXPLORE	1,200,000	2,060,018	3	3	1.0
R&D Vouchers	11,000	136,899	11	11	-
EmployR&D	250,000	258,000	2	2	-
Petroleum R&D Accelerator	750,000	748,018	1	1	-
Total		9,340,098	57	45	1

Program	Total Program Budget	Total Funding approved	Number of Companies approved for funding	Number of companies receiving funding in 2016/17
2017-2018				
Business Development Support (Grant)	3,636,000	2,425,723	142	50
Business Investment (Loan)	There is no budget. This is a revolving fund program that sustains itself.	6,326,566	31	2
CEDP - Publishers Assistance Program (Grant)	200,000	200,001	5	4
Regional Development	10,360,600	1,824,422	4	0
Tourism Market Readiness Subsidy Program (Grant)		5,000	5	0
Total		10,781,712	187	56

Program	Total Program Budget	Total Funding approved	Number of companies applied for funding	Number of Companies received funding	Number of companies receiving funding in 2016/17
2017-2018					
R&D Proof of Concept	2,100,000	3,377,945	20	19	1
SensorTECH	2,500,000	3,276,890	5	6	-
ArcticTECH	1,275,000	412,979	1	1	-
GeoEXPLORE	700,000	-	1	-	-
R&D Vouchers	75,000	11,602	5	1	-
EmployR&D	250,000	473,194	3	2	1
Petroleum R&D Accelerator	-	(109,798)	-	-	-
Total		7,442,812	35	29	2