October 29, 2018

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act FLR/98/2018

On October 1, 2018 the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources (FLR) 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 (e.g. Subsidy, tax rebate, non-repayable or repayable loan etc.) for 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, 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.”

As per the email received on October 1, 2018 the ATIPP request wording has been revised from calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017 to fiscal years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18.

Please be advised that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for FLR to provide access to the requested information. You will find a copy of responsive material attached.

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 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 (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

Please be advised that this letter 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 contact me by telephone at 709-729-4797 or by email at JasonWhiteway@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,

Jason Whiteway  
ATIPP Coordinator

**Right of access**

8. (1) A person who makes a request under section 11 has a right of access to a record in the custody or under the control of a public body, including a record containing personal information about the applicant.

(2) The right of access to a record does not extend to information excepted from disclosure under this Act, but if it is reasonable to sever that information from the record, an applicant has a right of access to the remainder of the record.

(3) The right of access to a record may be subject to the payment, under section 25, of the costs of reproduction, shipping and locating a record.

**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 Funding Information

**TABLE 1:**

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<th>Program</th>
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<td>Fisheries Technology and New Opportunities Program</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
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<td>2017-18</td>
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<td>46</td>
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Please Note:

*These numbers represent companies and individuals that were carried over funding from previous year.

Total employment by company and individuals - is not information we collect during the application process and is therefore information we are unable to release under the ATIPPA 2015.

Total number of private sector companies and self-employed individuals applied based on company size – is not information we collect during the application process and is therefore information we are unable to release under the ATIPPA 2015.

Total number of private sector companies and self-employed individuals approved based on company size - is not information we collect during the application process and is therefore information we are unable to release under the ATIPPA 2015.
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<td>Aquaculture</td>
<td>2015-16</td>
<td>$2,800,000*</td>
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<td>Capital</td>
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<td>$3,210,000*</td>
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<td>Equity Program (ACEP)</td>
<td>2017-18</td>
<td>$2,838,200*</td>
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**Please Note:**

* In 2015-16, ACEP funding of $8.15 million was approved for a single company; funding was to flow over three years. No other applicants approved during that time. (Note: Total budget over the three years differs from amount of approval due to project delays that required unutilized funding in the first two years to be included in the budget for the third year).

**Total # of applications from private companies and Self-employed individuals - is not information we collect during the application process and is therefore information we are unable to release under the ATIPPA 2015.
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<td><strong>Growing Forward 2</strong></td>
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* This amount includes funding provided to industry organizations for projects such as Agriculture in the classroom and the Agrifood and Garden Show.

** Approved amount may exceed budget due to reallocation of identified savings.