

Funding is available to support:

- Exploration drilling expenses
- Labour and material costs directly for drilling activities, core logging, and sampling.
- Sample shipping and laboratory analysis work.

OR

- Bulk sampling activities, including materials, and labour directly related to the collection of the bulk sample.
- Shipping and transportation of excavation equipment and the bulk sample.
- Processing and laboratory analysis of the bulk sample.

Eligible Activities and Expenses

The following expenses related to advanced exploration work are eligible.

A. Exploration drilling costs include testing new targets, expanding known prospects, and drilling activities that contribute to resource conversion, including:

1. Drilling services contracts;
2. Drilling equipment rental when drilling is performed on the property during the fiscal year of the Contribution Agreement;
3. Labour costs directly attributed to drilling, logging of core, sampling, and shipping of samples; and
4. Laboratory assay costs;

B. Costs associated with bulk sampling, including:

1. Materials and supplies;
2. Shipping of excavation equipment;
3. Labour only directly related to the collection of material comprising the bulk sample;
4. Shipping and transportation of the bulk sample; and
5. Processing and laboratory costs of the bulk sample, such as microdiamond analysis.

Ineligible Activities and Expenses

Examples of expenses not eligible for contribution assistance include:

1. Management, administration, legal or accounting fees;
2. Costs for preparing the final report;
3. Salaries of exploration company employees or contract workers for any work unrelated to the drilling or sampling activities described in the application.

Application to the DIG Program must include the complete drilling or bulk sampling exploration plans intended by the company for the permitted project.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their exploration activities with community representatives closest to the project to identify potential concerns and benefits. (Companies may also apply separately to the Community Engagement Support Program for financial assistance to conduct engagement activities).

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