

Prospecting & Exploration

- Added new tier to Prospecting & Exploration stream that will provide prospectors with more funding to hire service providers for exploration projects that are beyond grass-roots stage.
 - **Tier 1:** A maximum of \$20,000 for grass-roots mineral exploration
 - **Tier 2:** A maximum of \$30,000 for advanced exploration projects where drilling is required to continue to advance the property
 - **Tier 3:** A maximum of \$30,000 for airborne geophysical surveys.
- Adjusted Prospecting & Exploration Grant expense form to reflect which expense form to reflect which expenses are eligible for each tier.

Shared Funding

- Increase minimum amount of funding awarded for both Tier 1 & 2 to \$30,000 to reflect proposed change to Prospecting & Exploration funding stream
- Grant recipients must notify MRDF Administrator if they do not have financial resources to proceed with their project(s). Failure to inform the Administrator by the Interim Report deadline may result in the grant recipient being ineligible to apply for a Shared Funding grant for a period of one year.

Marketing

- **Tier 1** – allow exploration company employees to apply for and receive funding to represent their company at industry conferences provided they are registered as a prospector in NovaRoc
- **Tier 2** – implemented a cap of \$50,000 per event for applicants proposing to organise and host an event.

Post-Secondary Research

- No changes for 2020-21 as significant changes were made ahead of 2019-20 fiscal year.

Innovation

- Reduced cap from \$200,000 to \$100,000.

Education, Outreach, and Engagement

- Revised eligibility requirements making students or universities seeking opportunities to gain relevant industry experience eligible to receive funding. This could be used for field school opportunities, students/universities partnering with prospectors and exploration companies to assist with projects, etc.

Major Projects

- Remove workshops intended to help define geoscience data user needs from Eligibility section since this appears to be covered under Education, Outreach, and Engagement.