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Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative (EDGI) - Round 4 Open for Applications



Tasmanian State Government, through the Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative (EDGI), is offering grants for co-funded exploration drilling projects. The aim is to provide a stimulus to greenfields exploration in Tasmania. The State Government is funding this initiative with \$2 million over four years and the program is administered by Mineral Resources Tasmania.

Thirty grants have been awarded for the first three rounds of EDGI since October 2018. MRT is now seeking proposals from applicants for a fourth round of projects, to be jointly funded by the successful applicants and the State Government. The projects will be undertaken during 2020-21 and completed by mid-2021.

The EDGI Program will consider applications from any off-mine-lease location in the state. It will preferentially fund high quality, technically and economically sound greenfields projects that promote innovative exploration or new exploration concepts and technology. Applicants may submit more than one proposal and applications can be made for all mineral categories, as defined in the Mineral Resources Development Act 1995.

The Government contribution to each successful project will be capped at \$50,000 for direct drilling costs, plus an additional \$20,000 if helicopter support is required.

Completed Project Proposal Forms, with the requested supporting information appended in the appropriate format, are due by 5:00pm on Friday, 5th June 2020 and must be submitted in digital format. The Project Proposal Guidelines describe the necessary information for submitting acceptable proposals.

Applicants will be advised of their success or failure to obtain funding in the week starting on the 29th June 2020. Successful projects will need to be completed and a Final Report, and all drill core / samples, submitted to MRT by Friday, 21st May 2021. Grants will be paid after review of the Final Report, any time before the funding agreement ends on Friday, 11th June 2021. Alternatively, submission of an Interim Report, with copies of claimable invoices, by Friday, 15th January 2021, will facilitate release of half the total funding amount.

[Click here for further information and to download a full guideline and application form.](#)

Website Upgrade

Mineral Resources Tasmania is updating its website to bring it into line with State Growth style and security requirements.

Users will notice many cosmetic changes to the site, however its general structure and functionality will remain the same.

The most noticeable difference will be an improved user experience for those wishing to access the site from a device such as a phone or tablet.

Other improvements include: removal of superceded information, inclusion of new and updated content, and more uniform presentation of data. The changes aren't happening overnight, but regular website visitors should notice the changes in coming months.

Updated Drill Core Submission Requirements

MRT has recently updated its Drill Core Submission Requirements and Delivery Guidelines to clearly outline the process for packaging and delivery of approved drill core to the library in Mornington.

These new guidelines are designed to help maintain the safety of road users during transport, allow the delivery to be loaded and unloaded safely at both ends, and to prevent any loss of samples during the delivery process.

[Click here to download and save a copy of the updated guideline.](#)



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