

Drilling Incentive Grant Program

Program Description

Drilling Incentive grants (DIG) are designed to stimulate exploration for new minerals and/or new deposits of minerals.

Results

Documented results for FY24 as of December 3, 2024.

Projects

Table one below provides an overview of project funding across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27), including the number of grants awarded, total agency investment, total project investment and leverage calculation.

Table 1.

| Project Funding | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| Budget | \$100,000 | | | |
| Number of Grants Awarded | 1 | | | |
| Total Agency Investment Amount | \$20,000 | | | |
| Total Project Investment Amount | \$1,800,000 | | | |
| Leverage | 89:1 | | | |

Key Impact Measures

Table two below provides an overview of key impact measures across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27) projects, including total numbers for minerals and natural resources development.

Table 2.

| Key Impact Measures | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Minerals and Natural Resources Development | 1 | | | |

Fiscal Year 2024 Grants

Table three below provides an overview of the grantees, their project descriptions, location, agency and total project investments.

Table 3.

Drilling Incentive Grant Program FY24 Program Evaluation

| Grantee | Project Description | Location | Agency Investment | Total Project Investment |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Keewaydin Resources Inc. | Conduct exploratory boring to confirm helium presence and assess viability using high-pressure equipment at Topaz site | Lake County | \$20,000 | \$1,800,000 |