

# Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy

## A whole-of-government approach

Increase the supply of responsibly sourced critical minerals and support the development of domestic and global value chains for the green and digital economy



**1 centre of excellence** (the Critical Minerals Centre of Excellence) leads coordination across the federal government and works with teams involved in advancing the ongoing development and implementation of critical mineral policies and programs, including the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy



**15+ federal departments** and agencies are working together to implement the Strategy



**6 focus areas** backed by funding opportunities to fortify Canada's leadership in critical minerals



### Driving exploration, research and development and innovation

**\$1.5 billion**

**Strategic Innovation Fund:** Investing in major projects to encourage innovation across all sectors; \$1.5B of this larger fund is targeted for critical minerals projects, including R&D, commercialization and scale-up of related technologies, as well as firm growth and expansion, investment attraction and reinvestment (which links to the accelerating project development focus area).  
▶ *Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada*

**\$192.1 million**

**Critical Minerals Research, Development and Demonstration Program:** Developing green and innovative processing technologies for the critical minerals industry, advancing Canadian mining projects toward production and further developing domestic critical minerals value chains  
▶ *Natural Resources Canada;*  
*National Research Council Canada*

**\$79.2 million**

**Critical Minerals Geoscience and Data Initiative:** Accelerating the development of priority critical minerals in Canada by providing data and insights to de-risk investment, guide decisions through inclusion of environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles and boost Canada's critical minerals expertise  
▶ *Natural Resources Canada*

**30%**

**Critical Minerals Exploration Tax Credit:** Incentivizing investments in companies exploring for priority critical minerals\*  
▶ *Canada Revenue Agency*



### Accelerating responsible project development

**\$40 million**

**Northern Regulatory Initiative:** Working with northern governments, partners, rights holders and stakeholders to identify and discuss ways to complete and resource northern regulatory regimes in a way that respects and integrates unique northern contexts  
▶ *Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada*

**30%**

**Investment Tax Credit for Clean Technology Manufacturing:** Reducing costs of new machinery/equipment used to manufacture or process clean technologies and extract, process or recycle critical minerals\*  
▶ *Canada Revenue Agency*



### Building sustainable infrastructure

**\$1.5 billion**

**Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund:** Supporting clean energy and transportation infrastructure projects to accelerate sustainable critical minerals development  
▶ *Natural Resources Canada*

**Critical Minerals Investments:** Facilitating the construction of enabling and supporting infrastructure like access roads, clean power generation and transmission, along with wastewater management facilities, in remote areas of Canada\*  
▶ *Canada Infrastructure Bank*



### Advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples

While Indigenous leadership and communities will determine how they view success regarding critical mineral development on or near their territories, Canada will prioritize economic reconciliation, respect Aboriginal and Treaty rights and support the socio-economic well-being of Indigenous communities.

**\$25 million**

**Indigenous Natural Resources Partnerships Program:** Supporting the economic participation of Indigenous communities in natural resources development; at least \$25 million of this broader program is earmarked for critical minerals projects  
▶ *Natural Resources Canada*

**\$13.5 million**

**Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund — Indigenous grants:** Supporting Indigenous groups to undertake engagement, capacity building and knowledge sharing projects related to transportation and clean energy infrastructure that would enable critical minerals development  
▶ *Natural Resources Canada*



### Strengthening global leadership and security

**\$70 million**

**Global Partnerships Initiative:** Strengthening Canada's global leadership in enhancing critical minerals supply chain resiliency through international collaborations and promoting ESG standards and transparency  
▶ *Natural Resources Canada*



### Growing a diverse workforce and prosperous communities

The federal government is committed to supporting the growth of the critical minerals workforce, while fostering diversity and inclusion. Canada will collaborate with key partners and leverage the following programs led by Employment and Social Development Canada: **Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program, Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program, Skills and Partnership Fund** and **Youth Employment and Skills Strategy**.

\*complementary measures

Note: This is a snapshot of key programs and incentives specific to the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy. There are additional initiatives relevant to the mining, clean energy, and clean technology sectors, such as the Canada Growth Fund and other tax incentives, that may also be leveraged to support critical minerals-related projects.

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