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Natural Resources awards grants

Twenty-five mining grants valued at a total of \$545,000 were awarded Wednesday to help increase mineral exploration in the province.

Natural Resources Minister Zach Churchill said the Ivany commission report challenged the province to grab on to opportunities in the resource sectors.

"Forty-three applications were received, indicating there is a lot of promise in Nova Scotia's mining sector," Churchill said.

Ten prospector grants, totalling about \$90,000, and 15 advanced project grants, totalling \$455,000, were announced.