Small businesses throughout West Virginia are encouraged to expand their technical capacities and services through government-funded research and development (R&D) funding opportunities. The most common federally funded grants to support small businesses are SBIR and STTR programs.

What is SBIR-STTR?

- SBIR – Small Business Innovation Research program
- STTR – Small Business Technology Transfer program

Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR and STTR enable small businesses to explore their technological potential and provide the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated, and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs. The program is viewed as seed capital for early stage R&D with commercial potential.

Which agencies participate?

Currently, eleven Federal agencies participate in the SBIR program and five of those agencies also participate in the STTR program. These include the SBA, USDA, the Dept. of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the Department of Education, the Department of Energy, the Department of Health & Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, NASA and the National Science Foundation.

What are the amounts of Award Funding?

As of November 2019, agencies may issue a Phase I award (including modifications) **up to** $256,580 and a Phase II award (including modifications) **up to** $1,710,531 without seeking SBA approval. Any award above those levels will require a waiver. Agencies considering this authority should review SBIR/STTR Policy Directive §7(i)(4) for additional information.

Want to learn more about SBIR/STTR opportunities and eligibility?

Join TechConnect West Virginia's monthly bootcamp series; visit www.techconnectwv.org/events for more information.

For more information, visit:

SBIR Homepage https://www.sbir.gov

SBIR Tutorials https://www.sbir.gov/tutorials/

SBIR/STTR Funding Topics https://www.sbir.gov/sbirsearch/topic/current

SBIR/STTR Agency Contacts https://www.sbir.gov/agency-contacts

SSBIR/STTR Awards Database https://www.sbir.gov/sbirsearch/award/all?firm=&topic=

Search for Grants https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html

TechConnect WV https://techconnectwv.org

WV Small Business Development Center: https://wvsbdc.com/

WV Entrepreneurship and Innovation Investment Fund:
https://wvsbdc.com/entrepreneurship-and-innovation-investment-fund

WV Secretary of State Business Portal https://business4.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx

FedBizOpps SBIR/STTR Contracts https://fbohome.sam.gov/

IRS – (To obtain EIN) www.irs.gov

Organization Registration Guidance
https://www.grants.gov/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html

DOE Phase 0 program http://www.dawnbreaker.com/doephase0/

SBIR STTR Road Tour https://www.sbirroadtour.com/sbir-virtual-events/

Sample Applications from NIH https://www.niaid.nih.gov/grants-contracts/sample-applications#r43r44

Regional Contracting Assistance Center, Inc. https://www.rcacwv.com/

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