



**AMERICA'S
SEED FUND**
SBIR • STTR



Join our network.

Entrepreneur Support Organizations (ESOs) are critical to the success of America's Seed Fund. ESOs help advance the program and strengthen our nation's innovation ecosystem by working together with the SBA and participating federal agencies.

How your ESO can participate.

sbir.gov/support-organizations



Newsletter

Stay informed with the latest program news, opportunities, and announcements happening around the SBA Innovation Ecosystem Network.



Calls

Join us for a monthly virtual SBA Innovation Ecosystem Network Call to connect and learn from peers and program managers, and occasional in-person events as we advance our shared vision for the program.



Resources

Use our educational tools & branded materials in your outreach to increase awareness and understanding about America's Seed Fund to entrepreneurs in your area.

Funding for ecosystem partners.

Federal and State Technology Partnership (FAST) Program

Provides funding to ESOs to execute state and regional programs that increase the number of SBIR and STTR proposals from female and socially/economically disadvantaged technology-focused entrepreneurs and small businesses in underrepresented areas.

Growth Accelerator Fund Competition (GAFC)

An SBA prize competition that offers \$50,000 awards to accelerators and incubators who support company formation and educate entrepreneurs about the SBIR and STTR programs.

SBIR Catalyst

Awards up to \$150,000 in prizes to ESOs that work collaboratively to build connections in support of innovation focused entrepreneurs from underserved communities.

Eligibility requirements.

Funding through America's Seed Fund is available to small businesses that are:



For-profit entities located in the U.S.



Fewer than 500 employees (most have fewer than 10)



Owned and controlled by U.S. citizens or permanent residents

About the SBIR & STTR programs.

America's Seed Fund awards non-dilutive funding through the SBIR and STTR programs to help technology-focused small businesses and startups develop leading-edge technology and chart a path toward commercialization.

Both SBIR and STTR support scientific excellence and technology innovation to build a strong national economy. So, how do they differ?

- 11 federal agencies fund SBIR awards, while only the 5 largest of those agencies also fund STTR awards.
- SBIR encourages entrepreneurs to partner, while STTR requires entrepreneurs to partner with a non-profit research institution.
- STTR also requires:
 - Partnership with a U.S. non-profit research institution.
 - R&D from both the business (at least 40%) and research institution (at least 30%).

0% equity share. 100% freedom.

Non-dilutive funding means the federal government allows the small business to keep 100% equity and ownership of their intellectual property. The government invests in the solution while allowing the entrepreneur to run their business according to their vision.

4,000

Average number of companies funded per year

\$4 billion

Total funds invested in FY20

0%

Equity or IP ownership taken by the government



We're looking for entrepreneurs who are looking to change the world.
You can help us find them.

Learn more about America's Seed Fund at [SBA.gov/SeedFund](https://www.sba.gov/SeedFund).