



# Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

**September 2021**


## Market Pressure Relief Fund

 <p>www.DelBiz.com  <b>Delaware</b>    DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS</p>	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>        Relief grant amounts will be based on documented expenditures</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p> <p><b>Application Close</b>        9/30/2021</p> <p><b>Grants Awarded</b></p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>        Delaware Division of Small Business</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>The Delaware Division of Small Business and Office of Management and Budget created this fund designed to assist state contractors facing increased costs for construction materials due to the pandemic.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>        Open to general contractors who have a contract with the state resulting from a formal procurement</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>        Construction</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>        General Contacts  <b>302-739-4217</b>  <a href="mailto:business_finance@Delaware.gov">business_finance@Delaware.gov</a></p>		

## State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) Grant


 <p>  Small Business    <b>Export</b>    Delaware</p>	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>        Reimburses expenses for up to 50% of approved, eligible, export marketing expenses up to a maximum of \$7,000 per fiscal year, per company.</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p> <p><b>Grants Awarded</b>        Grants are awarded on a rolling basis</p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>        Export Delaware</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>The State Trade and Expansion Program (STEP) Grant offers eligible Delaware businesses assistance to help launch or expand export activity. All companies can receive funding a maximum of three times, per country market, in a five-year period.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>        Examples of eligible activities include booth fees for overseas trade shows, travel expenses, and more.</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>        Delaware Business Exports</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>        General Contact  <a href="mailto:export@delaware.gov">export@delaware.gov</a></p>		

### Workforce Training Grant


 <p>www.DelBiz.com  <b>Delaware</b>      DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS</p>	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>          Matches grants that fund specialized training for companies up to \$100,000 per project</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p> <p><b>Grants Awarded</b>          Grants are awarded after 45 days; once funding is exhausted no further applications will be accepted</p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          Delaware Division of Small Business</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>Workforce Training Grants are offered by the Delaware Division of Small Business to attract and retain quality jobs in the state of Delaware. They are also offered to create opportunities for advancement for Delaware employees.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          Applicants must demonstrate a need for the training, which should be related to new and innovative processes or programs, machinery, or tech-related upgrades.</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Workforce Training</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>          Wilmington Area  <b>Joe Zilcosky</b>          Non-Wilmington Area of New Castle County  <b>David Mathe</b>          Kent County  <b>Laura Wisler</b>          Sussex County  <b>Lauren Swain</b>  <a href="https://business.delaware.gov/contact/">https://business.delaware.gov/contact/</a></p>		

# Community Grants and Funding


## Comcast RISE Program

	<p><b>Program Rewards</b>          Advertising and Marketing Consultations          TV Media Schedule          Creative Production          Tech Makeover          Monetary Grant</p>	<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p> <p><b>Applications Close</b>          10/16/2021</p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          Comcast</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>Comcast is providing services and upgrades to BIPOC-owned small businesses in need that have suffered through the pandemic.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          BIPOC-owned businesses</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Any Industry</p>	<p><b>Program Awards</b>          Recipients chosen quarterly</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>  <b>General Contact</b>          844-963-0234</p>


## Amber Grant for Women

	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>          \$4,000 winner once a month          \$1,000 for runner-up          \$25,000 once a year</p>	<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">First day of each month (Apply Here)</a></p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          WomensNet</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>A grant for women with businesses awarded in honor of Amber Wigdahl, who tragically passed away at the age of 19 before she was able to realize her business dreams.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          Must be a woman 18 years or older with a business</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Any Industry</p>	<p><b>Application Close</b>          Last day of each month</p> <p><b>Grants Awarded</b>          One winner each month</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>  <b>General Contact</b>  <a href="mailto:info@womensnet.net">info@womensnet.net</a></p>


### Jane Walker First Women Grant Program

	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$10,000		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Jane Walker and IFundWomen	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
The Jane Walker First Women Grant, by Jane Walker and IFundWomen, is for women-owned businesses who have broken through in culture and paved the way for more women to succeed.	<b>Eligibility</b> Women-owned business with at least \$25,000 in revenue	<b>Focus</b> Any Industry	<b>Applications Close</b> Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.  <b>Program Awards</b> 30 Grants will be awarded in total	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact</b> <a href="https://ifundwomen.com/contact">https://ifundwomen.com/contact</a>	

### Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

	<b>Grant Amount</b> Stage 1: Pilot (up to \$200K) Stage 2: Test and Position for Scale (up to \$1.5M) Stage 3: Transition to Scale (up to \$5M) Evidence Grants: (up to \$1.5M)		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Always Open (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> USAID	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
Multiple stages of grants for innovators and researchers to test new ideas and solutions that can change the world and help improve people's lives.	<b>Eligibility</b> Determine if you are eligible using the <a href="#">DIV Questionnaire</a>	<b>Focus</b> Any Industry	<b>Grants Awarded</b> 10-20 awarded per year (1-2% of applicants)	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact</b> <a href="mailto:div@usaid.gov">div@usaid.gov</a>	

### NASE Growth Grants

	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$4,000		<b>Application Open</b> Always Open to Members	<b>Host Organization</b> NASE	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a> <a href="#">Membership</a>
A grant for small business owners that are members of the National Association for the Self-Employed to finance business needs.	<b>Eligibility</b> Must be a member of NASE for at least 3 months prior to applying	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Applications Close</b> N/A  <b>Grants Awarded</b> Number given varies, grants awarded quarterly	<b>Contact:</b> <b>NASE Grants Administrator</b> <a href="mailto:grants_scholarships@nase.org">grants_scholarships@nase.org</a>	

# SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities

## National Science Foundation (NSF)

<p>The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs are competitive programs that encourage small businesses to engage in federal research and development projects with the potential for commercialization. Each agency offers a list of broad research topics, and you may find that your business already takes part in one or more of the topics offered. If so, you may be eligible to apply for a grant. Below is a list of topics currently being considered for SBIR grant awards by the NSF.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Analytics</li> <li>• Advanced Manufacturing</li> <li>• Advanced Materials</li> <li>• Artificial Intelligence</li> <li>• Augmented/Virtual Reality</li> <li>• Biological Technologies</li> <li>• Chemical Technologies</li> <li>• Cloud and High-Performance Technologies</li> <li>• Cybersecurity and Authentication</li> <li>• Digital Health</li> <li>• Distributed Ledger</li> <li>• Energy Technologies</li> <li>• Environmental Technologies</li> <li>• Human-Computer Interaction</li> <li>• Instrumentation and Hardware Systems</li> <li>• Internet of Things</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning and Cognition Technologies</li> <li>• Medical Devices</li> <li>• Mobility</li> <li>• Nanotechnology</li> <li>• Other Topics</li> <li>• Pharmaceutical Technology</li> <li>• Photonics</li> <li>• Power Management</li> <li>• Quantum Information Technologies</li> <li>• Robotics</li> <li>• Semiconductors</li> <li>• Space</li> <li>• Wireless Technologies</li> </ul>	<p>Grant amounts for each topic range from <b>\$5,000 to \$256,000</b> depending on scale of project and SBIR Phase. Contact NSF for more details on specific amounts for each topic.</p>
		<p><b>If any of these topics interest you, refer to <a href="#">this document</a> to find the contact that is associated with your topic of interest</b></p>
		<p><b>Applications Open Now</b>  <b>Applications Close: 12/2/2021</b></p>
		<p><a href="#">Apply here</a> if your business is already involved with one of these topics.</p>
		<p>To view more subtopics of these individual topics, view the <a href="#">original NSF posting on the SBIR website</a>.</p>

# SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities

## Department of Defense (DoD)

**Below is a list of topics currently being offered by the DoD for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant opportunities.**

- Army Annual BAA
- DARPA Annual BAA

Grant amounts for each topic can award **up to \$240,000** for Phase I and **up to \$1,700,000** for Phase II projects depending on their scale. Contact DoD for more details on specific amounts for each topic.

Read more about specific topics available [here](#).

**Applications Open Now**  
**Army BAA Applications Close: 9/22/2021**  
**DARPA BAA Applications Close: 9/28/2021**

[Apply here](#) if your business is already involved with one of these topics.

For more information about the DoD SBIR topics and opportunities email the DoD SBIR/STTR Support Help Desk at [DoDSBIRSupport@reisystems.com](mailto:DoDSBIRSupport@reisystems.com).

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## Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**Below is a list of topics currently being offered by the HHS for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant opportunities.**

- NIH/NCATS 022: Technological Development and Validation of Remote Measures for Use in Clinical Trials in Individuals with Rare Diseases
- NIH/NCI 430: DEVELOPMENT OF SENOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR CANCER TREATMENT
- NIH/NCI 431: CANCER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES FOR LOW-RESOURCE SETTINGS
- NIH/NCI 432: SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY GENE CIRCUITS FOR CANCER THERAPY
- NIH/NCI 433: DEVELOPING UNBIASED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES TO REDUCE DISPARITIES IN CANCER OUTCOMES
- NIH/NCI 434: ULTRA-FAST DOSE RATE (FLASH) RADIATION DETECTORS AND SAFETY SYSTEMS
- NIH/NCI 435: DEVICES TO TREAT SECONDARY LYMPHEDEMA FOLLOWING CANCER TREATMENT
- NIH/NCI 436: New Technologies to Analyze Extra-Chromosomal DNA in Cancer
- NIH/NCI 437: 3D SPATIAL OMICS FOR MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR TUMOR ATLAS CONSTRUCTION
- NIH/NCI 438: UNDERSTANDING CANCER TUMOR GENOMIC RESULTS: TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS
- NIH/NCI 439: ADVANCED SAMPLE PROCESSING PLATFORMS FOR DOWNSTREAM SINGLE-CELL MULTI-OMIC ANALYSIS
- NIH/NCI 440: CANCER PREVENTION AND DIAGNOSIS TECHNOLOGIES FOR LOW-RESOURCE SETTINGS
- NIH/NCI 441: AT-HOME SCREENING FOR HEPATITIS C VIRUS
- NIH/NCI 442: QUANTITATIVE BIOMARKERS AS MEDICAL DEVICE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS FOR CANCER
- NIH/NCI 443: DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER-AIDED DIAGNOSIS TOOLS FOR UPPER AND LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT CANCER PREVENTION
- NIH/NCI 444: EVALUATION DATASETS AS MEDICAL DEVICE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS FOR TESTING CANCER TECHNOLOGIES
- NIH/NCI 445: ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TO SPEED AVAILABILITY OF EMERGING AUTOLOGOUS CELL-BASED THERAPIES
- NIH/NIA 004: Improving CNS Gene Delivery Systems for AD/ADRD Therapy Development

- NIH/NIA 005 : Geroscience-based Chronic wound treatment product development
- NIH/NIA 006: The Development of Mechanism-based Adult Stem Cell Treatments to Combat Aging Pathologies
- NIH/NIAID 101: Novel Platforms for Delivery and/or Expression of HIV Env Immunogens for HIV Vaccines
- NIH/NIAID 102: Genetically Engineered Mice for Pre-clinical Evaluation of HIV Vaccine Candidates
- NIH/NIAID 103: Development of Diagnostics to Differentiate HIV Infection from Vaccine Induced Seropositivity
- NIH/NIAID 104: Adjuvant Discovery for Vaccines and for Autoimmune and Allergic Diseases
- NIH/NIAID 105: Adjuvant Development for Vaccines and for Autoimmune and Allergic Diseases
- NIH/NIAID 106: Production of Adjuvants Mimics
- NIH/NIAID 107 : Reagents for Immunologic Analysis of Non-mammalian and Underrepresented Mammalian Models
- NIH/NIAID 108: Development of Rapid POC Diagnostics for Treponema pallidum
- NIH/NIAID 109: Development of monoclonal antibody-mediated interventions to combat malaria
- NIH/NIAID 110: Point of Care (POC) Diagnostics for Antimicrobial Resistant (AMR) Enteric Bacterial and Parasitic Pathogens
- NIH/NIAID 111: Data Science Tools for Infectious and Immune-mediated Disease Research
- NIH/NIAID 112: Digital Tools Against Misinformation about Infectious Disease Treatments and Vaccines
- CDC/NCBDDD 020: Open-Source and User-Friendly Record Linkage/De-duplication Tool
- CDC/NCCDPPH 044: Algorithmic Database Food Product Tool to Align Food Service with Guidelines
- CDC/NCEZID 028: Develop Rapid, Portable, Point-of-Care C. auris Diagnostic
- CDC/NCEZID 029: Product to Inactivate and Stabilize Wastewater Samples for Shipping and Transport
- CDC/NCHHSTP 052: Electronic Health Record Algorithm to Identify Persons with HIV Not in Care
- CDC/NCHHSTP 053 : Simultaneous Detection of Molecular and Serological Markers via Next-Generation Sequencing
- CDC/NCIRD 035: Nanoparticle-based Multi-Antigen Influenza Vaccine that Induces both Antibody and Cell-Mediated Immune Responses

Grant amounts for each topic for up to **\$150,000** in Phase I and up to **\$1,000,000** for Phase II depending on scale of project. Contact HHS for more details on specific amounts for each topic.

To view all the the HHS listings directly on the SBIR website and to apply, [click here](#).

**Applications Open Now**  
**Applications Close:**  
**10/28/2021**

For general information about these grants, contact [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov)



## Federal Funding Opportunities (General)

 <p>GRANTS.GOV<sup>SM</sup> FIND. APPLY. SUCCEED.<sup>SM</sup></p>	<p>This is a website where government agencies post grant opportunities. Use the search tool to find grants that can be used for your small business.</p>	<p><a href="#">Grants</a></p>
 <p>US GRANTS ORG</p>	<p>This is a database that allows you to search for all kinds of grants, and even allows you to sign up for weekly grant alerts so you never miss opportunities to receive funding.</p>	<p><a href="#">Grants</a></p>
 <p>GrantWatch<sup>TM</sup> Time to apply</p>	<p>GrantWatch is a database that takes government and foundation grants and puts them into user-friendly summaries. They make it easy to search for grants that apply to your small business.</p>	<p><a href="#">Grants</a></p>
 <p>MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</p>	<p>The Minority Business Development Agency is devoted to helping minority-owned businesses grow in size and scale. They do this through workshops, initiatives, and grants that can all be found on their website.</p>	<p><a href="#">Visit Website</a></p>
 <p>Challenge.gov</p>	<p>This site is used by the federal government to post prize competitions and challenges. These are used to get ideas directly from the public such as software, technologies, and other solutions that your business may already be developing. Check to see if you can win funding from any challenges.</p>	<p><a href="#">Challenges</a></p>

## University-Sponsored Competitions

### U.Pitch Collegiate Pitch Competition

	<b>Cash Prizes</b> \$10,000		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Location</b> Virtual	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<p>A national elevator pitch competition where top collegiate startup founders can showcase their business ideas to experienced entrepreneurs and investors to win cash prizes.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Full-time undergraduate students enrolled in a U.S. college or university or graduated within last six months	<b>Focus</b> Any Industry	<b>Application Close</b> 10/1/2021  <b>Final Rounds</b> 11/10/2021	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Kelly Bertog</b> Kelly@futurefounders.com	