



# Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

January 2022


## Energy Assessment Grants

	<b>Grant Amount</b> Grant awards will not exceed \$100,000 per individual per year		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Delaware Energy Efficiency Investment Fund	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
	<b>Eligibility</b> Non-residential, commercial, and industrial entities located in the State of Delaware	<b>Focus</b> Energy Efficiency	<b>Grants Awarded</b> Grants are awarded on a rolling basis subject to funding availability	<b>Contact:</b> General Contacts <a href="mailto:EEIF.Grants@cleareresult.com">EEIF.Grants@cleareresult.com</a> 302-467-3239	
Energy Assessment Grants support single purpose (targeted) energy audits and comprehensive energy audits designed to help facilities receive technical evaluations for appropriate, cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, specific to each building's needs.					


## State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) Grant

	<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.		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Export Delaware	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
	<b>Eligibility</b> Examples of eligible activities include booth fees for overseas trade shows, travel expenses, and more.	<b>Focus</b> Delaware Business Exports	<b>Grants Awarded</b> Grants are awarded on a rolling basis	<b>Contact:</b> General Contact <a href="mailto:export@delaware.gov">export@delaware.gov</a>	
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.					


### CBS Philly's Small Wins! Competition for Small Businesses

	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$300,000 in on-air advertising and cash grants		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> CBS Philly	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<p>CBS3 and The CW Philly are making a major investment in small businesses in the area. They will be awarding small businesses that serve minority communities and/or women in Philly and the surrounding suburbs with \$300,000 in total prizes from now until May 2022.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Businesses owned by and/or serving minority communities and/or women in Philly and its suburbs to DE, NJ, the Poconos, and Lehigh Valley	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Awards Information</b> Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through May 1, 2022, and batches will be announced three times over the course of the application process.	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact</b> <a href="mailto:smallwins@cbsphilly.com">smallwins@cbsphilly.com</a>	



### True Access Capital Empowerment Fund

	<b>Grant Amount</b> Up to \$20,000		<b>Application Open</b> Open Now (Contact Lorenzo Merino for information on how to apply)	<b>Host Organization</b> True Access Capital	
<p>The Empowerment Fund by True Access Capital is a grant opportunity for businesses led by People of Color to support their businesses in various projects.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Business led by People of Color in the City of Wilmington	<b>Focus</b> Minority-Owned Businesses	<b>Applications Close</b> TBA  <b>Awards Information</b> Grants up to 20% of total project cost for loan requests	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Lorenzo Merino, Director of Lending</b> <a href="mailto:lomerino@trueaccesscapital.org">lomerino@trueaccesscapital.org</a>	


### 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>		

### West Side Corridor Revitalization Fund


 	<b>Grant Amount</b> Up to \$10,000 per applicant		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Cornerstone West CDC and True Access Capital	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<p>This forgivable loan program has been put into place to act as a catalyst for economic revitalization on the West Side of Wilmington, DE. This funding can be used for site acquisition/expansion, construction/renovation, working capital, inventory, furniture, fixtures, and existing business remodels.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Small businesses, landlords, and developers with properties situated between I95/Jackson St. to Union St and 9 <sup>th</sup> St. to Elm St. in Wilmington	<b>Focus</b> Economic Revitalization	<b>Applications Close</b> 1/10/2022  <b>Grants Awarded</b> Grant winners will be announced in April, number of winners TBA	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Delores Lee</b> <a href="mailto:dlee@trueaccesscapital.org">dlee@trueaccesscapital.org</a>	

### Rehoboth Beach Main Street Sign & Awning Grant


	<b>Grant Amount</b> 4 Matching Grants of \$500 each		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Rehoboth Beach Main Street	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<p>Rehoboth Beach Main Street is helping businesses in the downtown historic commercial district save money on their sign and awning purchases.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Must be a business located in the downtown historic commercial district of Rehoboth Beach, DE	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Awards Information</b> Awards will be given on a first come first serve basis until funds are depleted (\$2000).	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Rehoboth Beach Main Street Office</b> 302-227-2772	

## 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>          1/15/2022</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>Applications Close</b> Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.  <b>Program Awards</b> 30 Grants will be awarded in total	<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>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>Grants Awarded</b> 10-20 awarded per year (1-2% of applicants)	<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>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

## Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

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

- DHS221-001: Automated Artificial Intelligence (AI) Distress Alerts and Monitoring
- DHS221-002: Rapidly deployable countermeasures at protected perimeters and structures
- DHS221-003: Non-Invasive and Real-time Detection of Counterfeit Microelectronics
- DHS221-004: Broadband Push-to-Talk Interoperability Platform
- DHS221-005: A Step Towards Agent Agnostic Detection of Biological Hazards
- DHS221-006: Streamlined Airport Checkpoint Screening for Limited Mobility Passengers
- DHS221-007: Mass Fatality Tracking System (MFTS)
- DHS221-008: Next Generation High-Performance, Low Cost, Semiconductor-Based Spectroscopic Personal Radiation Detectors (SPRDs)
- DHS221-009: Field Forward Detection Platform for High Consequence Toxins
- DHS221-010: Wearable Detector for Aerosolized Chemical Threats
- DHS221-011: From Port-Side to Pen-Side: Low Cost Detection/Diagnostics for High-Consequence Transboundary or Nationally Reportable Animal Diseases, Particularly Those with Zoonotic Propensity

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 DHS for more details on specific amounts for each topic.

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

**Applications Open Now**  
**Applications Close:**  
**1/19/2022**

For general information about these grants, contact **Danette Williams:** [danette.williams@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:danette.williams@hq.dhs.gov)



# 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.**

- N22A-T001: Visual Display Design for Mitigation of Helicopter and Tiltrotor Brownout Spatial Disorientation
- N22A-T002: Multifunctional Heat Exchanger for Aerodynamic Aircraft Inlets
- N22A-T003: Novel Multiphysics Modeling of Electroplating Process for Metallic Aerospace Components
- N22A-T004: Automatic Hexahedral Mesh Generator for the Electromagnetic Modeling of Complex Navy Platforms with Array Antennas and Radomes
- N22A-T005: Spatial Disorientation Assessment and Evaluation Tool
- N22A-T006: Modeling Platform Level Electromagnetic Compatibility Performance Based on Component Level Testing
- N22A-T007: Heteroepitaxy of Indium Phosphide-Based Quantum Cascade Lasers on Silicon Substrates
- N22A-T008: Smart Image Recognition Sensor with Ultralow System Latency and Power Consumption
- N22A-T009: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Sonar Dome Anti-Fouling Tracking and Prediction Tool
- N22A-T010: Kilowatt Class-k Fiber Optical Isolator for Submarine High Energy Laser Amplifier
- N22A-T011: Shipboard Creepage and Clearance Analysis
- N22A-T012: Survivable Minefield Mission Data Module
- N22A-T013: Damage-Free High Power Emission from Indium Phosphide-Based Solid State Waveguides in the Long Wave Infrared
- N22A-T014: Visible to Near Infrared Laser Array with Integral Wavelength Beam Combining
- N22A-T015: Additive Manufacturing of High Performance Copper-Based Components and Materials
- N22A-T016: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Data-Driven Hypersonic Turbulence Modeling Toolset
- N22A-T017: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Rapid Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Design Exploration
- N22A-T018: Enhanced Sensory Perception via Advanced Synthetic Skins
- N22A-T019: Enhanced Thermal, Mechanical, and Physical Properties of Ceramic Matrix Composites Through Novel Additives
- N22A-T020: Lidar-like 3D Imaging System for Accurate Scene Understanding
- N22A-T021: Affordable Stabilized Directional Antennas for Small Platforms
- N22A-T022: High Resolution Underwater Optical Ranging
- N22A-T023: Aquatic Soft Robotic STEM Education Kit
- N22A-T024: Marine Atmospheric Boundary Layer Profiles via Satellite-based Remote Sensing Data Fusion
- N22A-T025: Enhanced Long-Range Maritime Vessel Classification
- N22A-T026: Low-Cost, Low-Power Vibration Monitoring and Novelty Detection


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.

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

**Applications Open Now**  
[\(Apply Here\)](#)  
**Applications Close: 2/10/2022**


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

## 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

### Richards Barrentine Values and Ventures Competition

	<b>Cash Prizes</b> \$40,000 to winner \$25,000 to runner-up \$15,000 to third place		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Location</b> Texas Christian University	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
A national collegiate competition where students from around the world are encouraged to pitch ideas for conscious capitalism ventures that will make a profit while also solving a problem.	<b>Eligibility</b> Undergraduates	<b>Focus</b> Conscious Capitalism	<b>Application Close</b> 2/22/2022  <b>Final Rounds</b> 4/1-4/2/2022	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Matt Smilor</b> <a href="mailto:m.smilor@tcu.edu">m.smilor@tcu.edu</a>	

### Rice Business Plan Competition

	<b>Cash Prizes</b> \$1.2 Million (\$350,000 to winner)	<b>In-Kind Prizes</b> \$100,000+ in total prizes, including law strategy, mentoring, etc.	<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Location</b> Rice University	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a> <a href="#">Past Winners</a>
The world's richest and largest graduate-level student startup competition entering it's 21 <sup>st</sup> year. Offers real-world opportunities to learn what's required to successfully launch a new business.	<b>Eligibility</b> Graduate Student-Led	<b>Focus</b> Any Industry	<b>Application Close</b> 1/31/2022  <b>Final Rounds</b> 4/7-4/9/2022	<b>Contact:</b> Catherine Santamaria, Director, RBPC <a href="mailto:rbpc@rice.edu">rbpc@rice.edu</a>	