



2021 SBIR Micro-Grant Application

Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Federal and State Partnership (FAST) Program.

Purpose

The SBIR/STTR Micro-Grant Program is an initiative to support preliminary research and other activities associated with the development and submission of a Phase I SBIR/STTR proposal to a federal agency. The goal is to increase the competitiveness of Montana's SBIR/STTR proposals, thereby increasing the number of awards to Montana small businesses.

Eligibility and Application Process

- Applicants must be eligible to compete in the [SBIR/STTR program\(s\)](#).
- Complete and sign the application form. Submit the application via email to TechLink to [Ann Peterson](#), TechLink SBIR/STTR Outreach Program Director at ann.peterson@montana.edu.
- Up to \$1,500 may be requested in the itemized budget form provided. Only items listed in the itemized budget section of this application will be considered for reimbursement.
- Completed applications **must** be received no later than four weeks before the Phase I submission deadline unless approved by TechLink program director.
- TechLink staff and consultants will review the application and notify the applicant of approval/denial.
- Before reimbursement is made, the awardee must provide to TechLink official documentation showing the submission of the SBIR/STTR proposal and receipts for actual expenditures equal to or greater than the reimbursement requested.
- A final payment will be issued after TechLink receives a proof of submission and expense receipts. Receipts will be reviewed in conjunction with approved budget. Changes in the budget must be pre-approved before reimbursement is issued.
- The awardee **must** notify TechLink on the outcome of the SBIR/STTR proposal. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility for that awardee to apply for the micro-grant program in the future.
- Awardees must agree to participate in the TechLink success story program and associated data collection surveys for a period of 10 years following the micro-grant award.
- Only one award per company is allowed in per federal fiscal year. All TechLink micro-grant awards are subject to availability of state and/or federal funds.

