SEED MONEY
for Small Businesses

NSF AWARDS NEARLY
$190 MILLION
PER YEAR IN R&D FUNDING

BRING US YOUR BIG IDEAS

America's Seed Fund powered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) funds startups in the development of groundbreaking, high-impact, high-risk technology, transforming scientific discovery into products and services with commercial and societal potential. NSF funding goes toward research and development (R&D), helping companies like yours de-risk technology for commercial success.

AND WE'LL BRING YOU NON-DILUTIVE FUNDS

We take no equity in your company — you retain full control over your team, the direction of your work, and your intellectual property. NSF does not buy products or services from the companies it funds, nor does it dictate technologies or applications to target. Rather, our hope is that the startups funded by NSF will become commercially successful, and have a positive impact on society.

> "Our grant from NSF SBIR really got us going and was further validation that we had a great business idea for STEM education."
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> **- SMITA BAKSHI**
> CEO and co-founder of Zyante, an NSF SBIR/STTR funded company

UP TO $1.5 MILLION

PHASE I

UP TO $225,000

A proof-of-concept/feasibility grant that lasts from 6 to 12 months. Phase I proposals are evaluated based on the technical innovation and potential commercial/societal impact.

DEADLINES:
June & December

PHASE II

UP TO $750,000

A two-year grant that helps companies commercialize high-risk technology innovations. A company must receive a Phase I grant before applying for a Phase II grant.

DEADLINES:
Based on Phase 1 award expirations

PHASE II B

UP TO $500,000

NSF may match 50 cents on every $1 of qualifying revenues or third-party investment (minimum match $50,000 and maximum $500,000)

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SBIR.STTR

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Companies were awarded Phase I grants in 2016

CHARACTERISTICS

3 Median number of employees

1 Years in business

Q Who is eligible for funding?

A For-profit organizations that are:

U.S.-based (operating primarily in the United States)

More than 50% owned by a U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident

Fewer than 500 employees

More details: sbir.gov/faq

PROPOSAL TOPICS
We accept proposals in any area of technology

Biological Technology

Biomedical Technology

Chemical and Environmental Technologies

Internet of Things

Semiconductors and Photonic Devices and Materials

Information Technology

Electronic Hardware, Robotics and Wireless Technologies

Advanced Manufacturing and Nanotechnology

Advanced Materials and Instrumentation

Smart Health

Educational Technologies and Applications

Other Topics

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