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Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer Program

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Hello, Innovator



Last month, four astronauts circled the Moon and traveled farther from Earth than any humans before them. Their journey was enabled in part by the technologies and research conducted by SBIR and STTR awardees from years past. As we celebrate the success of today, it is important that our program is always looking to the future needs of NASA. With that in mind, NASA SBIR/STTR has released our Broad Agency Announcement as well as three Phase I appendices! We are excited to be sharing these solicitations with you. We look forward to your proposals and seeing how your advancements will propel future NASA exploration.

Jason L. Kessler, Program Executive

Reauthorization Impacts

As you know, the SBIR/STTR program was reauthorized in April 2026 through September 2031 with the signing of the Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act. Recent updates to our solicitations align with this legislation, but most of these practices were already elements of our program. We have historically maintained limits on the number of proposals firms may submit, conducted due diligence to assess security risks, and provided clear guidance on available Phase III support—areas that the new legislation now formally requires or strengthens.

Our primary new adjustment is the incorporation of TABA funding into the total award amount. We are also exploring implementation of other authorities provided in reauthorization. In addition, we continue to expand outreach on Phase III opportunities, including providing a customer guide and contact list on our [website](#).

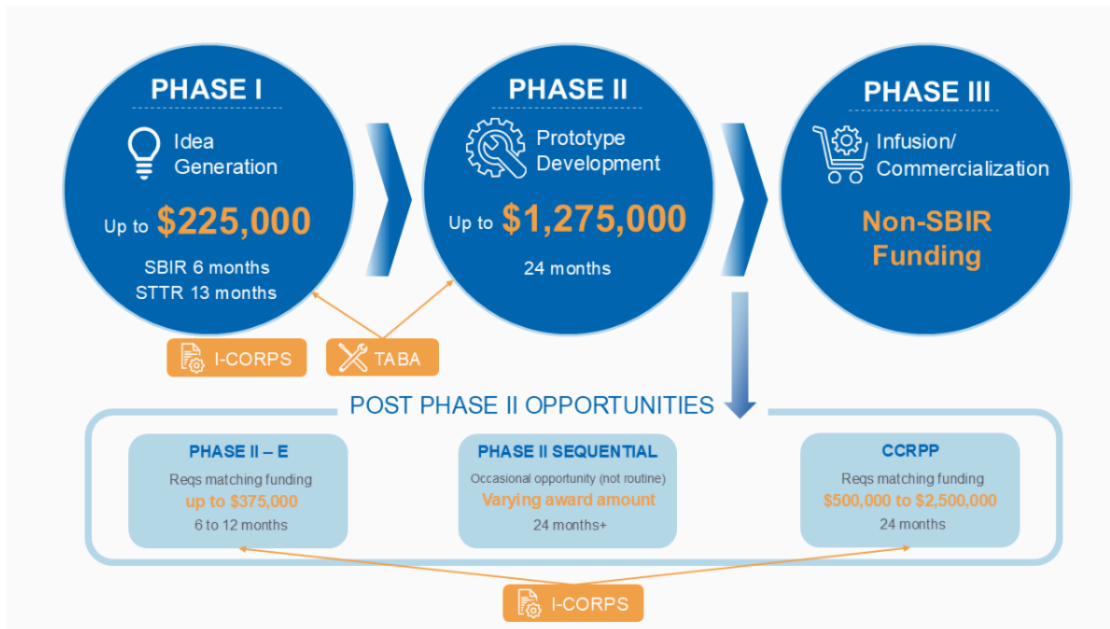
New Maximum Award Amounts

In 2026, we increased the maximum potential award amounts for new Phase I and II contracts by 50%. The increase supports greater technology development, enabling the program to deliver more advanced and lower risk technologies, while keeping NASA SBIR/STTR as a competitive option for our community of innovators.

- **Phase I:** up to \$225,000
- **Phase II:** up to \$1,275,000

Requests for **Technical and Business Assistance (TABA)** funding (\$6,500 for Phase I and \$50,000 for Phase II) now will be treated as part of the overall award amount.

These changes started with new solicitations released in 2026 and do not affect previous solicitations or contracts already in progress. Review specific solicitations for detailed information for that opportunity.



Phase I Funding Opportunities, Resources, and Q&A



Moving to a **Broad Agency Announcement** means we can release multiple appendices throughout the year. Currently, we have three appendices open – with more to come! Proposals can be submitted for these Phase I solicitations until the deadline: May 21 at 5 p.m. ET.

- **Appendix 26A: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase I**
- **Appendix 26B: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase I**
- **Appendix 26B: Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Phase I**

We've built several resources to help you develop a proposal:

1. Our [BAA Information Hub](#), with the latest information about the BAA
2. A [Digital Guide](#) to help you register with [ProSAMS](#), where you will submit your proposals
3. A [Q&A page](#) with technical responses to questions received from firms. We are under a communications blackout, which means NASA personnel cannot discuss the content of the open appendices with you directly.
4. Our Help Desk (agency-sbir@mail.nasa.gov) is available to answer general questions about the appendices, submitting, and using ProSAMS. Keep in mind, NASA cannot provide guidance on proposal preparation or feedback on proposal ideas (including alignment.) To guarantee a response, your questions must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, May 20 at 5 p.m. ET**.

Selection Announcements

Last month, we announced that 15 firms were selected for SBIR Ignite Phase I contracts and 17 STTR Phase II awards were made to small businesses partnered with research institutions, for a total of more than \$16.3 million in seed funding invested by NASA SBIR/STTR. To learn more about these selections, read the story here: [NASA Invests in Small Businesses Innovating for Space and Earth](#).

Cybersecurity Resources

We encourage all our program awardees and applicants to invest in their own cybersecurity through federal research security training modules. Available resources include guidance, training, and tools provided through:

- [The National Science Foundation](#), which provides Research Security Training for the research community.
- [Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#), which provides cyber guidance for small businesses, including a suggested role-by-role breakdown.
- [The Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#), which provides a training course to sensitize small business owners to the impact that cybercrime can have on them and to provide insight into the types of cybercrime that take place every day. The SBA may offer other cybersecurity trainings throughout the year as well.
- [Defense Acquisition University \(DAU\) Cyber Solutions](#), which is a learning platform serving the defense industry workforce. Courses cover areas such as program protection planning awareness and an introduction to anti-tamper.

SBIRPartnering.org

NASA SBIR/STTR has released the [NASA SBIR Partnering Platform](#)!

This public, multi-agency platform facilitates partnering between SBIR applicants/awardees and all the partners who can contribute to their success, such as investors, service providers, industry stakeholders, etc. By using the platform's advanced search and AI tools, partners can identify technologies related to your unique needs and interests.

As a reminder, all NASA SBIR/STTR awardees have already been registered on the platform. It is up to you to improve your business profile with updates on your technology, successes, and business plans. Fresh content can help attract the interest of your next strategic partner.

Small Business Impacts



What if you could fly an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) into the plume of a smoking volcano, through the eye of a Category 4 hurricane, or over the frontline of a raging wildfire? Black Swift Technologies has done it, and they used NASA SBIR/STTR program vehicles such as Phase II-E, Phase III, and CCRPP to develop their technology and implement it with both NASA and other government agencies. To learn how they developed their groundbreaking product line, read their story [here](#).

Additional Opportunities



New [NASA TechLeap](#) Prize Opening in May: Robotically Manipulated Payload Challenge

To advance persistent infrastructure for ISAM (in-space servicing, assembly, and manufacturing), applicants will be invited to develop payloads that can interact with, be manipulated by, or be reconfigured by a robotic arm in low Earth orbit. In Fall 2026, up to three teams will win up to \$500,000 each to design and build flight-ready payloads for possible delivery in 2027. Potential applications range from robotic inspection and diagnostics to modular systems that can be modified, structural assembly, sensor deployment, and material processing.

Upcoming Program Dates

You can always find the latest solicitation, submission, and selection announcement information on our website's [Program Schedule](#). Here's a snapshot from today:

Opportunity	Open Date	Close Date	Selection Announcement
SBIR Ignite 2025 NASA SBIR Ignite Phase I Solicitation	6/2/25	7/22/25	April 2026
Phase II 2024 NASA STTR Phase II Solicitation	7/25/25	9/8/25	April 2026
Phase II 2025 NASA SBIR Phase II Solicitation	4/15/26	5/15/26	Aug. 2026
Phase I 2026-2027 BAA Appendix 26A-I SBIR	4/21/26	5/21/26	Aug. 2026
Phase I 2026-2027 BAA Appendix 26B-I SBIR	4/21/26	5/21/26	Aug. 2026
Phase I 2026-2027 BAA Appendix 26B-I STTR	4/21/26	5/21/26	Aug. 2026
Post Phase II Phase II-E Submissions	—	6/5/26	Aug. 2026
CCRPP CCRPP Submissions	6/24/26*	8/19/26*	Dec. 2026*

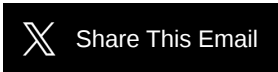
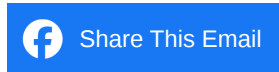
CCRPP and Phase II Sequential: We anticipate releasing CCRPP and Phase II Sequential opportunities in June. We will be sending out updates to eligible firms about them soon, so make sure you are receiving our communications by signing up at our [contact page](#).

Thank you for being a part of the NASA SBIR/STTR community!

Want to get this message delivered to your inbox? Sign up for the NASA CONCEPT newsletter [here](#).

Are you looking for NASA SBIR/STTR resources? Our [resources page](#) includes a library of support materials, awardee search, FAQs, small business supports, and additional funding opportunities.

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