



Manufacturing Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: America's Seed Fund: SBIR/STTR: Advanced Manufacturing

Funder: National Science Foundation

Purpose: To support emerging innovations in manufacturing with the potential to stimulate the nation's manufacturing sector by improving efficiency, competitiveness and sustainability. Proposals should be driven by a foundational technology that significantly advances the way products are made. This can include, but is not exclusive to, technologies in new manufacturing processes, equipment, automation, modeling, and materials/minerals.

Eligibility Requirements: Your company must be a small business (fewer than 500 employees) located in the United States.

At least 50% of your company's equity must be owned by U.S. citizens or permanent residents. NSF does not fund companies that are majority-owned by multiple venture capital firms, private equity firms, or hedge funds, to participate in SBIR and STTR.

All funded work, including work done by consultants and contractors, needs to take place in the United States.

The project's principal investigator (tech lead) must be legally employed at least 20 hours a week by the company seeking funding. The principal investigator doesn't need any advanced degrees.

The principal investigator needs to commit to at least one month (173 hours) of work on a funded project per six months of project duration.

How to Apply: Submit your Project Pitch anytime, hear back in about 1-2 months as to whether you've been invited to submit a full proposal.

Award size: up to \$2M

Opportunity: FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program

Funder: Empire State Development

Purpose: For pre-development activities and infrastructure investments to develop sites that will attract many eligible industries—including, but need not be limited to, high-tech manufacturing, clean-tech renewable energy, life sciences, agribusiness, optics, transportation equipment, materials processing, industrial machinery manufacturing and other advanced manufacturing. These sites can also be used for interstate distribution and logistics. However, ESD may give priority to semiconductor manufacturing projects and related industry and supply chain projects.

Track B - FAST NY Pre-Development Grants: Grants will fund necessary costs to assist grantees in completing pre-development activities, such as those required for FAST NY Shovel-Ready Certification.

Track C - FAST NY Infrastructure Improvements: Capital grants will be awarded to improve the shovel-readiness of existing, mature sites by funding infrastructure improvements such as water, sewer, transportation, electricity, gas and other capital-eligible site improvement costs. Competitive grant awards will be available to sites that have substantially met the requirements of FAST NY Shovel-Ready certification.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicant must be a municipality.

How to Apply: Actively accepting Letters of Intent and Applications for Track B and Track C grants. Apply anytime.

Award Size: Track B, up to \$500,000. Track C varies significantly.

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