

## USDA Solicitations

### Small Business Innovation Research Program - Phase I



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USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) Small Business Innovation Research Program ([SBIR](#)) focuses on transforming scientific discovery into products and services with commercial potential and/or societal benefit. This program supports small businesses in the creation of innovative, and/or disruptive technologies and enables the application of research advancements from conception into the market. Projects dealing with agriculturally related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all SBIR topic areas. SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA's vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water.

For more information, read the [SBIR Phase I funding opportunity announcement](#).

**FY23 PHASE I due on October 25, 2022**

#### **USDA is now offering STTR funding. Highlights of implementation:**

- Like all STTR, the Small Business must complete a minimum of 40% of the research effort and the Research Institute must complete a minimum of 30%. The remaining 30% can be split at the discretion of the Small Business
- The Principal Investigator can be employed by either the Small Business OR by the Research Institute

- Applicants can apply to **both SBIR and STTR** simultaneously at USDA (assuming they meet the qualifications of both programs)

For more details, see the funding opportunity ([link above](#)).