

AMERICAN SPACE STARTUPS FUNDING

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Introduction

This reference document, titled American Space Startup Funding, brings together a collection of ten infographics concerning funding, incentives, partnerships, and support pathways for space startups in the United States. The collection is organized as American Space Startups Funding and moves from broad forms of public support to specific federal programs and institutional funding routes.

The opening infographic examines NASA flight tests, prizes, and partnerships for space startups. It is followed by an overview of the U.S. research and development tax credit as it relates to space startups, then by a presentation of state-level support. The next infographic narrows the geographic focus to city-level and local support in U.S. space hubs, extending the collection's coverage from federal and state mechanisms to municipal and local settings.

The middle section addresses how different sources may be organized into a funding stack for a U.S. space startup. It also provides official websites for U.S. space startup funding programs, creating a reference-oriented transition from funding structure to program access points. These infographics establish the collection's general framework before it turns to specific America-focused federal funding programs.

The final four infographics concentrate on named federal and federally connected pathways. One covers America's space-specific federal funding programs for startups. The next focuses on NASA SBIR/STTR for American space startups, followed by NSF America's Seed Fund for space-related deep tech startups. The collection concludes with SpaceWERX and the U.S. Space Force funding path for startups.

Taken together, the document groups American space startup funding by level of support, funding function, and administering program or institution. Its progression runs from a broad survey of NASA-related opportunities, tax treatment, state and local support, and funding-stack organization to a more focused review of official program resources and specific federal channels associated with NASA, NSF, SpaceWERX, and the U.S. Space Force.

Section 1: Funding Strategy and Federal Landscape

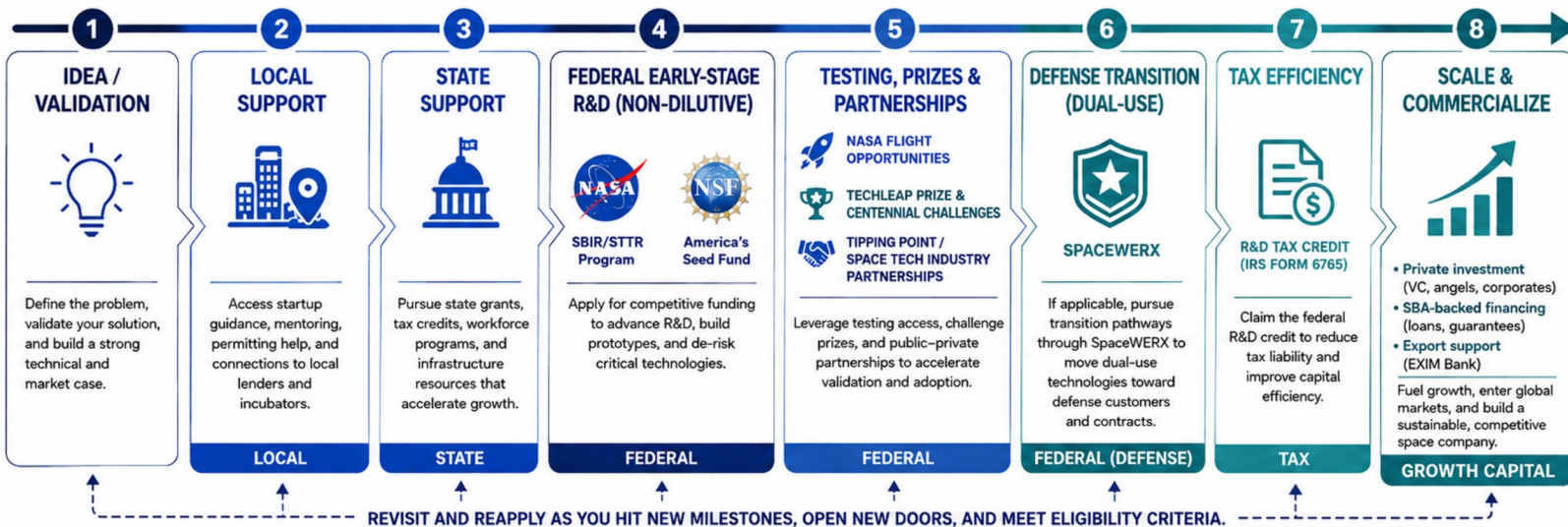
2 infographics

These items present a general approach to assembling funding and then frame the main federal funding landscape for space startups.



HOW TO BUILD A FUNDING STACK FOR A U.S. SPACE STARTUP

A ROADMAP TO COMBINE PUBLIC SUPPORT PATHWAYS AND SCALE YOUR COMPANY



IMPORTANT CAUTIONS



Not every program can be combined freely.



Solicitations, eligibility, and timing differ.



Matching-fund requirements may apply.



Founders should review each program's rules before stacking support.

OFFICIAL SOURCES



nasa.gov/sbir_sttr



seedfund.nsf.gov



spacewerx.us



irs.gov/form6765



sba.gov/loans



exim.gov

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AMERICA'S SPACE-SPECIFIC FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR STARTUPS

PATHWAYS TO INNOVATE, PARTNER, AND GROW IN THE U.S. SPACE ECONOMY



OVERVIEW

American space startups can access both space-specific and broader innovation programs run by federal agencies. Many opportunities are delivered through periodic solicitations, competitions, or partnership calls rather than continuously open programs. These federal pathways provide non-dilutive funding, opportunities to test technologies, and routes to transition innovations to the marketplace.



FEDERAL INVESTMENT
DRIVES INNOVATION



SUPPORTING STARTUPS
AND SMALL BUSINESSES



STRENGTHENING NATIONAL
SECURITY & ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP

KEY SPACE-SPECIFIC FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STARTUPS



NASA SBIR/STTR PROGRAM

Part of America's Seed Fund. Supports entrepreneurs, startups, and small businesses with fewer than 500 employees to build, mature, and commercialize technologies that advance NASA missions and broader national needs.



SPACEWERX

The innovation arm of the U.S. Space Force. Uses SBIR/STTR funding to identify, mature, and transition non-traditional space technologies to meet defense and national security space needs.



NASA FLIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

Provides avenues for accessing flights on commercial vehicles to test and demonstrate space technologies in relevant environments.



NASA TECHLEAP PRIZE

Challenge-based program managed by Flight Opportunities. Opportunities open periodically. Challenges can include cash prizes plus a potential flight test opportunity.



NASA TIPPING POINT / SPACE TECH INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

NASA seeks industry-developed technologies that can foster commercial space capabilities and benefit future NASA missions. Milestone-based partnerships with for-technologies nearing a commercial inflection point.



NASA CENTENNIAL CHALLENGES

Prize competitions designed to generate innovative solutions to technical problems of interest to NASA and the nation. Opportunities open periodically.

HOW THESE PROGRAMS DIFFER

	SBIR/STTR	Early-stage, non-dilutive R&D funding to develop and mature technologies.
	SPACEWERX	Dual-use focus with a path to transition technologies for defense and national security space needs.
	FLIGHT OPPORTUNITIES	Provides access to flights on commercial vehicles for technology testing and demonstration.
	TECHLEAP PRIZE & CENTENNIAL CHALLENGES	Prize-based challenge competitions; opportunities open periodically with potential cash prizes and/or flight test opportunities.
	TIPPING POINT PARTNERSHIPS	Milestone-based partnerships for technologies approaching a commercial inflection point.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

	Programs do not all run continuously. Most operate through periodic solicitations, competitions, or partnership calls.
	Application windows, eligibility requirements, and award structure vary by program.
	Entrepreneurs should check the live opportunity page for the most up-to-date information before applying.
	Space startups often use more than one federal program over time as their technology matures and their business grows.
	Programs are competitive. Strong technical merit, commercial potential, and a clear plan for impact improve your chances of success.

OFFICIAL SOURCES



nasa.gov/sbir-sttr



spacewerx.us



nasa.gov/stmd-flight-opportunities



nasa.gov/space-tech-industry-partnerships



nasa.gov/prizes-challenges-and-crowdsourcing/centennial-challenges



sbir.gov/about

Section 2: Federal Startup Programs

4 infographics

These program-specific infographics explain major U.S. federal pathways, progressing through Space Force, NASA, NASA SBIR/STTR, and NSF support.



SPACEWERX AND THE U.S. SPACE FORCE FUNDING PATH FOR STARTUPS

ACCELERATING COMMERCIAL SPACE TECHNOLOGIES FROM INNOVATION TO IMPACT

1) WHAT SPACEWERX DOES



SpaceWERX is the innovation arm of the United States Space Force and a division of AFWERX.



It partners with small businesses, startups, and nontraditional vendors to accelerate the development and translation of commercial space technologies.



It leverages funding from the SBIR/STTR program to invest in early-stage innovation.



It connects innovators with investors and government customers through Space Ventures.

2) FUNDING PATHWAY

OPEN TOPIC



Broad areas of interest published to attract innovative solutions from industry.

SBIR-STTR



Competitive awards (Phase I) to prove concept and feasibility. Path to Phase II for further R&D.

PHASE II



Larger awards to mature technologies, reduce risk, and demonstrate mission relevance.

STRATFI OR TACFI Bridge to Scale



Bridging programs that connect proven Phase II efforts to Phase III scaling efforts.

REQUIRE MATCHING FUNDS from government, private investment, or a combination of both sources.

PHASE III / OPERATIONAL TRANSITION



Transition to operational use, procurement, or other government pathways for scaling impact.



SPACE VENTURES: CONNECTING INNOVATORS WITH INVESTORS AND GOVERNMENT CUSTOMERS
Access to capital, partnerships, and pathways to operational customers.

3) WHO SHOULD PAY ATTENTION



DUAL-USE
TECHNOLOGIES



SATELLITE
SYSTEMS



RESILIENT
COMMUNICATIONS



LAUNCH &
LOGISTICS



AUTONOMY



SENSORS &
DETECTION



CYBER
SECURITY



IN-SPACE
SERVICES

4) IMPORTANT TO KNOW



Opportunities and topics change frequently—check official channels often.



Not every pathway is always open.
Availability depends on program needs and timing.



Strong transition relevance is critical.
Solutions should address real mission needs and demonstrate clear operational value.



Partnerships, teaming, and matching funds can strengthen your proposal.

5) OFFICIAL SOURCES



SpaceWERX
spacewerx.us



Get Funded
spacewerx.us/get-funded



STRATFI & TACFI
spacewerx.us/accelerate/stratfi-tacfi



SBIR/STTR Program
sbir.gov/about





NASA FLIGHT TESTS, PRIZES, AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR SPACE STARTUPS

MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO TEST, COMPETE, AND COLLABORATE BEYOND CLASSIC GRANTS

1

TEST YOUR TECHNOLOGY



NASA FLIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

Offers several avenues for accessing flights on commercial vehicles to test and demonstrate space technologies.

- ✓ Pathways for technology testing and demonstration
- ✓ Access to commercial launch and suborbital vehicles
- ✓ Opportunities in relevant environments

2

WIN A PRIZE



NASA TECHLEAP PRIZE

Managed by Flight Opportunities and runs challenge-based competitions.

- Opportunities open periodically.
- 2026 Robotically Manipulated Payload Challenge offered up to three winners up to \$500,000 each plus an intended in-orbit demonstration opportunity.



NASA CENTENNIAL CHALLENGES

Uses prize competitions to generate innovative solutions to problems of interest to NASA and the nation.

- Since inception, Centennial Challenges has awarded more than \$24 million to hundreds of solvers.

3

PARTNER WITH NASA



NASA TIPPING POINT / SPACE TECH INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Seeks industry-developed space technologies that can foster commercial space capabilities and benefit future NASA missions.

- ✓ Milestone-based partnerships
- ✓ Shared risk to advance high-impact technologies
- ✓ Strengthens the commercial space ecosystem

4

WHICH PATH FITS YOUR STARTUP?



TEST

Validate technologies in space environments through Flight Opportunities.



COMPETE

Solve tough problems and earn prizes through challenges.



PARTNER

Collaborate with NASA to mature technologies with shared risk.



SCALE

Build capabilities that advance commercial space and future NASA missions.

5

IMPORTANT TO KNOW



Opportunities are periodic and challenge-specific.



Always read the live opportunity page for the most current information, eligibility, requirements, and deadlines.



Programs, challenges, and prizes may change over time. Check official sources regularly.



Act early to prepare a strong proposal and align with program goals.

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OFFICIAL SOURCES



nasa.gov/stmd-flight-opportunities



nasa.gov/stmd-flight-opportunities/access-flight-tests/



nasa.gov/space-tech-industry-partnerships



nasa.gov/prizes-challenges-and-crowdsourcing/centennial-challenges

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NASA SBIR/STTR FOR AMERICAN SPACE STARTUPS

FUELING INNOVATION. ADVANCING MISSIONS. GROWING THE U.S. SPACE ECONOMY.



NASA SBIR/STTR IS PART OF AMERICA'S SEED FUND.



IT SUPPORTS ENTREPRENEURS, STARTUPS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES WITH FEWER THAN 500 EMPLOYEES.



IT PROVIDES FUNDING AND NON-MONETARY SUPPORT TO HELP BUILD, MATURE, AND COMMERCIALIZE TECHNOLOGIES



THAT ADVANCE NASA MISSIONS AND BROADER NATIONAL NEEDS.

THE NASA SBIR/STTR PROGRAM PATHWAY

PHASE I CONCEPT & FEASIBILITY



- Explore and evaluate innovative ideas.
- Typically up to \$306,000 for 6 months.
- Establish technical feasibility and potential value.

PHASE II RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT



- Develop and prototype the technology.
- Typically up to \$2,045,000 for 24 months.
- Advance toward commercial viability.

POST-PHASE II COMMERCIALIZATION SUPPORT



- Non-SBIR follow-on support.
- Connect with investors, partners, and government customers.
- Accelerate transition to the marketplace.

SBIR IGNITE FUELING EARLY INNOVATION



- Short-term awards to mature early-stage technologies.
- Up to \$150,000 for 6 months.
- Bridge ideas to a stronger Phase I proposal.



THE PUBLIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE PAGE WAS UPDATED ON **AUGUST 12, 2026**

AND LISTED RECENT OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING SBIR IGNITE, PHASE II, AND POST PHASE II.



WHO IT IS FOR

U.S.-BASED ENTREPRENEURS, STARTUPS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES WITH FEWER THAN 500 EMPLOYEES WORKING ON INNOVATIONS THAT CAN SOLVE REAL NASA AND NATIONAL CHALLENGES.

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:



WHY FOUNDERS USE IT



NON-DILUTIVE FUNDING
Receive funding without giving up equity.



NASA CREDIBILITY
Association with NASA opens doors with customers, partners, and investors.



COMMERCIALIZATION SUPPORT
Access mentoring, technical networks, and resources to help grow your business.



PATHWAY FROM CONCEPT TO MARKET
A proven structure that helps move ideas forward and de-risk your technology.



IMPORTANT TO KNOW



SBIR/STTR solicitations open on a published schedule and are announced on the NASA NSPIRES website.



Proposals are competitive and reviewed based on merit, feasibility, and alignment with NASA missions and national priorities.



Awards are not guaranteed. Review the solicitation requirements carefully.



Always verify the current solicitation and requirements before applying.





NSF AMERICA'S SEED FUND FOR SPACE-RELATED DEEP TECH STARTUPS

POWERING U.S. ENTREPRENEURS. TRANSFORMING DISCOVERIES INTO IMPACT.



America's Seed Fund is powered by **NSF SBIR/STTR**. It funds startups across nearly all technology areas, focusing on transforming scientific and engineering discoveries into products and services with commercial and societal impact.



\$200+ MILLION
IN R&D FUNDING AWARDED
EACH YEAR



~400 STARTUPS
ACROSS THE
UNITED STATES



UP TO \$2 MILLION
PER STARTUP
TO SUPPORT R&D



NATIONWIDE IMPACT
INNOVATION AND JOBS
IN COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE

1 WHY IT MATTERS TO SPACE FOUNDERS



- ✓ Provides non-dilutive R&D funding to reduce early-stage technical risk.
- ✓ Helps validate technologies that can power the next generation of space systems and services.
- ✓ Builds the foundation for future private investment and federal procurement opportunities.
- ✓ Strengthens U.S. leadership in space through innovation and economic growth.

2 WHAT IT FUNDS



Funds early-stage R&D across nearly all technology areas, including space-enabling fields:

- ROBOTICS
- SEMICONDUCTORS
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- ADVANCED MATERIALS
- SENSORS
- COMMUNICATIONS
- ENERGY SYSTEMS
- MANUFACTURING

And many other critical technologies.

3 WHO IT FITS BEST



HIGH-RISK, DEEP-TECH STARTUPS SEEKING COMMERCIAL VALIDATION

- ✓ Science- or engineering-based innovation with strong technical merit.
- ✓ Early-stage companies (or teams) with a path to commercialization.
- ✓ Ambitious entrepreneurs solving hard problems with transformative potential.

4 HOW IT COMPLEMENTS NASA OR DEFENSE PROGRAMS



- ✓ Flexible, broad-scope R&D funding to de-risk and mature technologies before mission or procurement opportunities.
- ✓ Supports dual-use innovation that can feed future NASA, DoD, and commercial space needs.
- ✓ Creates a strong on-ramp for small businesses to compete for larger federal contracts.

5 IMPORTANT TO KNOW



- ✓ Not limited to "space" companies—all technologies are eligible.
- ✓ Strong technical innovation and commercial potential are essential.
- ✓ Competitive, merit-based program with rigorous review.
- ✓ Awards are performance-based with clear milestones.

6 OFFICIAL SOURCES



seedfund.nsf.gov
AMERICA'S SEED FUND HOMEPAGE



seedfund.nsf.gov/our-program
ABOUT THE PROGRAM



seedfund.nsf.gov/what-we-fund
WHAT WE FUND

Section 3: Tax and Place-Based Support

3 infographics

These items broaden the funding picture beyond federal programs to tax incentives and support available from states and local space hubs.



THE U.S. R&D TAX CREDIT FOR SPACE STARTUPS

FUEL INNOVATION. REDUCE TAXES. REINVEST IN THE FUTURE.



FEDERAL INCENTIVE

Section 41 allows taxpayers a credit against tax for increasing research activities.



INCREMENTAL CREDIT

Generally, the credit is incremental and based on qualified research expenses above a base amount.



CLAIM WITH FORM 6765

To claim the research credit, taxpayers use **Form 6765**.



PAYROLL TAX ELECTION

Qualified small businesses can elect a portion of the research credit to offset payroll taxes by making the election on **Form 6765** and then filing **Form 8974** with the appropriate payroll tax return.



RELEVANT FOR SPACE STARTUPS

The credit can be relevant to startups developing prototypes, experimental hardware, software, testing methods, and other qualifying technical work.

1) WHAT MAY QUALIFY

Activities that seek to discover information and eliminate uncertainty through a process of experimentation may qualify. Examples for space startups include:



Developing prototypes and experimental hardware (engines, structures, payloads, subsystems)



Creating and testing software, algorithms, and flight or mission operations systems



Running simulations, models, and analyses to evaluate performance and reliability



Designing and testing new materials, processes, or manufacturing methods



Conducting ground tests, environmental tests, and other experimentation to resolve uncertainty



General rule: Work must be in the U.S. and meet the tax law definition of qualified research under Section 41.

2) HOW THE CREDIT HELPS STARTUPS



Reduces federal income tax liability dollar for dollar.



Improves cash flow to reinvest in R&D, hiring, and growth.



Rewards innovation and offsets the cost of technical risk-taking.



For eligible small businesses, can offset payroll taxes.

3) BASIC CLAIM PROCESS



IDENTIFY QUALIFYING R&D

Ensure activities meet Section 41 criteria and are conducted in the U.S.



DOCUMENT EXPENSES

Track qualified research expenses and maintain contemporaneous supporting records.



FILE FORM 6765

Report qualified expenses and calculate the research credit on Form 6765.



IF ELIGIBLE, ELECT PAYROLL TAX OFFSET VIA FORM 8974

Qualified small businesses file Form 8974 with the appropriate payroll tax return to claim the election.

4) IMPORTANT TO KNOW



Tax rules are detailed and subject to change. Review current IRS guidance.



Documentation is critical. Maintain records of costs, activities, and how they overcome technical uncertainty.



The credit is not automatic. You must substantiate that your work qualifies.



Misstatements can result in penalties and interest.



Consult qualified tax professionals to evaluate eligibility, document properly, and file accurate claims.



Invest in innovation today.

The R&D Tax Credit helps power the next generation of space technology.

OFFICIAL SOURCES



irs.gov/form6765



irs.gov/form8974



irs.gov/businesses/audit-techniques-guide-credit-for-increasing-research-activities-ie-research-tax-credit-irc-ss41-introduction

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STATE-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR U.S. SPACE STARTUPS

COMPARING PUBLIC PROGRAMS THAT FUEL INNOVATION, JOBS, AND GROWTH



FUNDING & GRANTS

Direct grants, tax incentives, and R&D funding to accelerate space innovation.



WORKFORCE & TALENT

Investments in training and pipelines to build a skilled space economy.



INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH

Support for facilities, testbeds, and supply chains that enable commercial success.



COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

State tools help startups innovate faster and scale where they grow.



TEXAS

TEXAS SPACE COMMISSION
(SEARF GRANT PROGRAMS)



Administered through the Space Exploration & Aeronautics Research Fund (SEARF).



The 2023 legislature appropriated \$150 million.



Supports emerging technology, research and development, workforce training, materials curations, and infrastructure.



24 grant awardees were listed as of February 17, 2026.



All funds from the 2023 appropriation were committed.



Online application portal is not open for submissions.



FLORIDA

SPACE FLORIDA



Provides a financial toolkit and innovation and research funding opportunities for aerospace companies.



State-backed aerospace finance and development support.



Connects companies to resources, partners, and opportunities to help them grow in Florida.



Supports commercialization, workforce, infrastructure, and business expansion.



COLORADO

ADVANCED INDUSTRIES
PROGRAMS



Advanced Industries Accelerator Programs support job creation and innovation.



Projects can receive up to \$250,000.



Advanced Industries Export Grant offers up to \$15,000.



Up to 50% reimbursement of approved export-related costs.



CALIFORNIA

GO-BIZ & CALIFORNIA
COMPETES TAX CREDIT



GO-Biz works with businesses to locate, stay, and grow in California.



The California Competes Tax Credit helps businesses invest and create jobs.



Businesses compete for over \$180 million available in tax credits.



Funds are available through three application periods each year.

HOW STATE SUPPORT DIFFERS



Programs vary by state in focus, funding type, eligibility, and scale.



Tools may support R&D, workforce, infrastructure, or commercialization.



Most programs serve broad industry sectors, not just space.



Combining state tools can strengthen your competitive position.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW



Many state tools are not space-exclusive and are not administered by space agencies.



Program details, funding levels, and application windows can change frequently.



Always review official websites and guidelines before applying.

OFFICIAL SOURCES



space.texas.gov/grants



[spaceflorida.gov/
financial-toolkit](https://spaceflorida.gov/financial-toolkit)



[spaceflorida.gov/
innovation-and-research-
programs](https://spaceflorida.gov/innovation-and-research-programs)



[choosecolorado.com/
doing-business/
advanced-industries](https://choosecolorado.com/doing-business/advanced-industries)



[business.ca.gov/
california-competes-
tax-credit](https://business.ca.gov/california-competes-tax-credit)

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CITY-LEVEL AND LOCAL SUPPORT IN U.S. SPACE HUBS

HOW LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS HELP ENTREPRENEURS TURN SPACE IDEAS INTO REAL BUSINESSES



U.S. cities and local organizations play a critical role in helping space entrepreneurs start, grow, and compete. While local programs rarely fund space R&D, they reduce barriers and accelerate commercialization by providing startup readiness, permitting, procurement access, workforce connections, mentoring, and access to lenders.



STARTUP
READINESS



PERMITTING &
REGULATORY HELP



PROCUREMENT
ACCESS



WORKFORCE
CONNECTIONS



MENTORING &
NETWORKS



ACCESS TO
LENDERS

LOCAL SUPPORT FOCUSES ON:



2 HOUSTON

CITY OF HOUSTON OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY



Offers business development programs, guidance, certification support, capacity-building support, seminars, counseling, and the Solutions Center.



Helps businesses become city-certified, improving visibility and access to contracting opportunities.



Provides training, workshops, and one-on-one counseling to strengthen business operations and growth.



Through partnerships, founders can connect with financing resources such as LiftFund and other capital providers.



Supports local entrepreneurs and small businesses across all industries, including the space and advanced technology supply chain.



3 LOS ANGELES

LA BUSINESS NAVIGATOR & BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS



Provide free technical assistance tailored to small businesses at any stage.



Offer business counseling, training, and workshops on topics such as planning, finance, marketing, and compliance.



Deliver financing guidance and connect businesses to loans, grants, and other capital programs.



Link entrepreneurs to city departments and partners for permitting, licensing, and other operational support.



City-connected support accelerates startup readiness and helps space entrepreneurs navigate local processes with confidence.



4 COLORADO SPRINGS

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAMBER & EDC



Promotes a strong aerospace and defense ecosystem anchored by military, industry, and research partners.



Supports business attraction, expansion, and retention with local investment and site development.



Connects companies to talent pipelines, training partners, and workforce resources.



Facilitates industry collaboration and cluster support across aerospace, defense, and space-related sectors.



Helps space and aerospace companies scale through a connected ecosystem of resources and partners.

5

HOW LOCAL SUPPORT FITS WITH FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS



CITY & LOCAL
SUPPORT

+



STATE
PROGRAMS

+



FEDERAL
RESOURCES

=



STRONGER SPACE
ENTERPRISES



Local organizations are often the first stop for entrepreneurs. They help refine ideas, build foundations, and navigate the local business environment.



They connect businesses to state and federal programs, research assets, and funding opportunities that support growth and innovation.



By focusing on practical, high-impact services, local support complements—replaces—federal and state R&D funding.



Together, this ecosystem helps space startups move faster, reduce risk, and create jobs and economic opportunities in their communities.

6 OFFICIAL SOURCES



houstontx.gov/obo



houstord.gov/business



business.lacity.gov



coloradospringschamberedc.com/economic-development/target-sectors/aerospace-defense

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Section 4: Reference and Closing

1 infographics

The official-websites guide provides a practical reference for the preceding programs, followed by the locked closing copyright page.



OFFICIAL WEBSITES FOR U.S. SPACE STARTUP FUNDING PROGRAMS

WHERE FOUNDERS CAN VERIFY LIVE OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFICIAL RULES



1) SPACE-SPECIFIC FEDERAL



NASA SBIR/STTR
nasa.gov/sbir_sttr



NASA FLIGHT OPPORTUNITIES
nasa.gov/stmd-flight-opportunities



NASA SPACE TECH INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS / TIPPING POINT
nasa.gov/space-tech-industry-partnerships



NASA CENTENNIAL CHALLENGES
nasa.gov/prizes-challenges-and-crowdsourcing/centennial-challenges



SPACEWERX
spacewerx.us



2) BROADER FEDERAL INNOVATION



SBA SBIR/STTR INFORMATION HUB
sbir.gov/about



NSF AMERICA'S SEED FUND
seedfund.nsf.gov



IRS R&D TAX CREDIT RESOURCES
irs.gov/form6765 and irs.gov/form8974



SBA FINANCING TOOLS
sba.gov/loans



SBA INVESTMENT CAPITAL / SBIC
sba.gov/loans/additional-funding-opportunities/investment-capital



EXIM
exim.gov



3) STATE EXAMPLES



TEXAS SPACE COMMISSION
space.texas.gov/grants



SPACE FLORIDA
spaceflorida.gov



COLORADO ADVANCED INDUSTRIES
choosecolorado.com/doing-business/advanced-industries



CALIFORNIA GO-BIZ / CALCOMPETES
business.ca.gov/california-competes-tax-credit



4) CITY / LOCAL EXAMPLES



HOUSTON BUSINESS PORTAL / OBO
houstontx.gov/business
and houstontx.gov/ofo



LA BUSINESS NAVIGATOR
business.lacity.gov



COLORADO SPRINGS CHAMBER & EDC
coloradospringschamberedc.com/economic-development/target-sectors/aerospace-defense



IMPORTANT NOTE: Founders should always verify current openings, deadlines, eligibility, and application status on the official website.

OFFICIAL SOURCES



DIRECT LINKS
TO OFFICIAL WEBSITES



TRUSTED GOVERNMENT
AND PUBLIC SOURCES



CHECK RULES, DEADLINES
AND ELIGIBILITY



VERIFY LIVE OPPORTUNITIES
BEFORE APPLYING

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