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Bridging the Funding Gap for Promising Cancer Therapies and Devices:

Announcing the New SBIR Phase II Bridge Award



NCI SBIR Program Announces the New Bridge Award to Help Small Businesses Developing Promising Cancer Therapies and Devices

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) has recently announced a new innovative funding opportunity called the *SBIR Phase II Bridge Award* designed to support the next stage of development for previously funded NIH-wide SBIR Phase II projects in the areas of cancer therapies and cancer imaging technologies. The purpose of this award is to address the funding gap known as the "Valley of Death" between the end of the SBIR Phase II award and the subsequent round of financing needed to advance a product or service toward commercialization. To achieve this goal, the Bridge Award funding opportunity more than triples the amount of funding available to applicants through the NCI SBIR Program and incentivizes the development of partnerships between NIH's SBIR Phase II awardees and third-party investors and/or strategic partners. Competitive preference and funding priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate the ability to secure substantial independent third-party investor funds (i.e., third-party funds that equal or exceed the requested NCI funds).

Budgets up to \$1 million in total costs per year and project periods up to three years (a total of \$3 million over three years) may be requested from the NCI. Development efforts may include preclinical R&D, which is needed for regulatory filings (e.g., IND or IDE) and/or clinical trials. NCI intends to commit up to \$10 million in fiscal year 2009. This funding opportunity is open to current and recently expired NIH SBIR Phase II projects. Current awardees must be in the final year of their Phase II project period to apply. In general, past Phase II projects should have ended within 24 months of the application receipt date.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs are NCI's engines of innovation for developing and commercializing novel technologies and products to prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer. For information on how to take your business innovations to the next level with funding opportunities available from the NCI SBIR & STTR Programs, visit sbir.cancer.gov.

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