



Funding for Innovation in Your Region

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REGIONAL INNOVATION STRATEGIES

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The REGIONAL INNOVATION STRATEGIES (RIS) PROGRAM was authorized by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, as amended by the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2014 (15 U.S.C. § 3722), and aims to SPUR INNOVATION CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN REGIONS ACROSS THE NATION.









EDA's 2019 REGIONAL INNOVATION STRATEGIES PROGRAM consisted of the 16 CHALLENGE and SEED FUND SUPPORT grant competitions.









SINCE THE FIRST ROUND OF RIS IN 2014 . . .

- **224** Investments in **47** states & **2** territories
- \$100 MILLION in Federal funding
- \$120 MILLION in community match
- >8,200 *jobs*
- >\$1 BILLION in follow-on capital

project profiles @ https://www.eda.gov/oie/historical/



2019 RIS cohort









The I6 CHALLENGE funds a range of programs and services that support innovation-based, high-growth entrepreneurship and startup acceleration through services such as TECHNOLOGY ADVISEMENT, MARKET EVALUATION, BUSINESS PLANNING, MENTORSHIP, and ACCESS TO EARLY-STAGE CAPITAL.

Project funds **CANNOT** be given directly to startups.



Grantee Highlights



\$700,000+
Investment capital raised



86

Mentoring and Coaching Sessions

2017 i6 Awardee



Mohawk Valley Upstate Innovation Accelerator

Mohawk Valley Community College's Upstate Innovation Accelerator project builds on and interweaves existing entrepreneurial and technology resources in the Mohawk Valley region of upstate New York. The region is currently experiencing an economic renaissance facilitated by new technologies in unmanned aerial systems, cyber, and other fields.

502

Technical assistance meetings



95

Entrepreneurs/startups participating in program

*As of September 30, 2019



SEED FUND SUPPORT (SFS)

desired activities



The SFS GRANT COMPETITION provides funding for TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OPERATIONAL COSTS, MARKETING, and OUTREACH related to the planning, formation, launch, or expansion of cluster-based seed capital funds that deploy capital in innovation-based startups with a potential for high growth.

Project funds **CANNOT** be used to capitalize a fund, or invested in a startup.



Grantee Highlights



\$8 million +

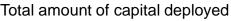
Total amount of target raised for (prospective) seed capital fund

284

Jobs supported by fund investments



\$5,500,000





Venture/investor participants in fund's investment rounds

90

Prospective investments screened



St. Louis Regional Bioscience Cluster Seed Fund Expansion

BioGenerator, through its St. Louis Regional Bioscience Cluster Seed Fund Expansion Project, will increase access to early stage capital for emerging companies in St. Louis' bioscience cluster by scaling BioGenerator's Seed Fund programs through a new investment strategy, an expanded investment thesis, education and technical assistance for startups, and outreach to investment and syndication partners. BioGenerator estimates that it will support 60 jobs supported and \$110 million in additional investment attracted during the project and a total of 160 jobs and \$411 million in additional investment after the project closes.



Grantee Highlights





2019 SFS Awardee



DC Impact Angels

Halcyon and its partners will launch the DC Impact Angels to increase equity capital access for social entrepreneurs in the DC region. Their initiative is designed to increase investment in DC area social enterprises, to commercialize new technologies, and to empower and enable great entrepreneurs. By partnering with existing players in the local equity investment ecosystem, and by attracting and educating angels new to investing, the project will increase the total available capital and accelerate the growth of local tech ecosystems

This new project seeks to...

attract **60+** angel investors — ultimately targeted to grow to over 100.

Each investor will invest an average of \$30,000 per year into local social enterprises.

DC Impact Angels will invest \$3.9M into 17 local social enterprises in the first three years and grow to invest over \$14M into 80+ enterprises over eight years.



Grantee Highlights





Country Roads Angel Network (CRAN)



This program supported by the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, will address the gap in access to capital in West Virginia and provide support to early-stage innovation-based companies. Without crucial access to capital, job growth and rural economic development will continue to fall behind the rise in prosperity of the rest of the country.

Over the three-year project ...

CRAN seeks to bring at least \$2 million from 40 potential private investors, creating at least 25 jobs,

and launching **8–12** new and existing innovation-based businesses and community-based, social-impact businesses, ultimately creating new job opportunities in West Virginia.



past funding caps & project periods



16 CHALLENGE

\$750k Federal funds cap; min. 1:1 match required
3 year project period
2019 i6 Awards - https://www.eda.gov/oie/ris/i6/2019/

SEED FUND SUPPORT (SFS) GRANT COMPETITION

\$300k Federal funds cap; min. 1:1 match required
3 year project period

2019 SFS Awards - https://www.eda.gov/oie/ris/seed/2019/



16 CHALLENGE + SEED FUND SUPPORT

EDA anticipates releasing NEW competition in early 2020
Spirit of competitions will remain the same
Strategic Plan + Partnerships + Budget
Applications may be due as early as March 2020
https://www.eda.gov/oie/ris/



BEST PRACTICES

Clearly defined strategy and partnerships

Complete budget including match

Narratives that provide specific and actionable program details

Be authentic to your capacity & community



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