



Exploring USDA Small Business Innovation Research Grants

Every year, the United States Department of Agriculture awards grants to small businesses, linking with researchers, in testing solutions to rural community problems. Not limited to production agriculture, successful projects can result in new scientific information improving overall quality of life in rural communities, including initiatives focusing on:

- entrepreneurship and workforce skills development aligned with emerging economic opportunities (conservation, safe food processing, marketing, etc.)
- food security and obesity reduction/prevention
- improved, modernized infrastructure and technologies that can attract public and private sector investment

This three-hour workshop will provide an overview of USDA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) (grants up to \$100,000 in Phase I). We'll discuss why small business owners and their research partners should consider applying to SBIR, the eligibility criteria, the topics of interest to USDA, and how to go about applying for an SBIR award.

Unique to this session is the offer of **FREE follow-up coaching support** from Penn State Extension to assist small businesses in preparing their grant proposals!

Date: June 14, 2018

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Place: The University of Scranton,
Brennan Hall, 5th floor, Room 500
320 Madison Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18510**

This free workshop, and the follow-up coaching, is funded by USDA through the SBIR Outreach and Technical Training Assistance Program

**Pre-registration encouraged by June 11th
— space is limited!**

**Register online at
<https://extension.psu.edu/exploring-usda-small-business-innovative-research> or
call Penn State Extension 877-345-0691.
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