

# RESEARCH FUNDING



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Could your South Dakota Great Plains I-Corps graduate team use **\$10,000** for business plan funding?

## South Dakota FAST Launch

**South Dakota FAST Launch** is a growing program provided through BioRise, a new nonprofit initiated by South Dakota Biotech designed to help connect early-stage companies with funding. **FAST Launch** is designed to assist South Dakota entrepreneurs and small businesses with beginning and expanding their business through the Governor's Giant Vision Competition and SBIR/STTR funding.

The application would be a draft business plan that they commit to submit to Giant Vision along with a proposed budget and budget narrative detailing how they plan to spend the funds and how the results will enhance their Giant Vision business plan application and/or SBIR/STTR application.

Applicants need to propose steps that can be taken rather quickly such as purchase supplies to make a prototype, contract for a prototype to be built, testing, etc.

The Federal and State Technology Partnership Program provides funding through the U.S. Small Business Administration to organizations to execute state and regional programs from women, socially or economically disadvantaged individuals and small businesses in underrepresented areas – typically rural states. FAST awards build the SBIR/STTR ecosystem through outreach, technical and business assistance, and financial support.

“Our journey as entrepreneurs has been challenging, yet the rewards have been immeasurable. The support from FAST has propelled us to make substantial leaps and bounds in our business, and we are eager to explore the limitless possibilities that lie ahead. Grateful for the opportunity to focus on our passion, we look forward to furthering the success of our venture. The entrepreneurial path is demanding, but the gratification derived from our accomplishments makes every challenge worthwhile.”

– Melissa Dittberner  
Straight Up Care  
South Dakota FAST Launch participant

Click or scan the QR code below  
to access the application

