

Economic Factors

Innovation:

SBIR/STTR Grants

Trend: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) are federal programs encouraging domestic small businesses to engage in research and development with potential for commercialization. Through competitive awards, SBIR and STTR help small businesses explore their technological potential and give incentive to profit from commercialization. Since 2010, Leon County firms have been awarded over \$11 million, with 32% coming from the National Science Foundation, 32% from the Department of Defense, and 29% from the Department of Energy.

Year	Award Amount
2010	\$149,994
2011	\$213,304
2012	-
2013	\$149,681
2014	\$370,714
2015	\$299,999
2016	\$679,704
2017	\$1,365,509
2018	\$380,000
2019	\$883,247
2020	\$206,500
2021	\$1,206,499
2022	\$849,804
2023	\$495,931
2024	\$3,975,690
2025	\$187,378

Awarding Agency	Percent Awards, 2010-2025
National Science Foundation	31.8%
Department of Defense	31.6%
Department of Energy	29.0%
Department of Health and Human Services	7.6%
Total	100.0%

Prior SBIR/STTR Awards

Decade	Total Awards
1980s	\$294,685
1990s	\$1,038,105
2000s	\$5,041,704
2010s	\$4,492,152
2020s (partial)	\$6,921,802

Source: *Small Business Innovation Research*

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