FUELING INNOVATION IN HAWAII

FUNDING FOR HAWAII’S INNOVATORS
THE METRICS INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT MEET THE STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SBIR AND THE MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS.
FUNDING INNOVATION

Innovation requires ideas, hard work and funding.

HTDC can help with all three. This booklet specifically addresses funding.
WHO IS HTDC?

We help fund Hawaii manufacturers, small local tech businesses and alternative energy R & D projects.

The mission of the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC), a state agency, is to facilitate the development and growth of Hawaii’s high technology industry. HTDC is providing the capital, building the infrastructure and developing the talent to foster innovation and diversify Hawaii’s economy.

HTDC facilitates various grants to support local businesses, including investments designed to assist Hawaii manufacturers, small businesses developing new and innovative technologies, and matching funds to alternative energy research and development projects.

MOVING TOWARD 80/80

Our goal is to help create 80,000 new tech and innovation jobs earning $80,000 or more by 2030. To reach that goal, we provide grants that can help tech firms grow.

**HSBIR UP TO 50% TO $500K**
Matching grants for companies with federal Small Business Innovation Research awards.

**HONR UP TO 50% TO $500K**
Matching grants for companies contracted by the Office of Naval Research to develop alternative energy solutions.

**MAP UP TO 20% TO $100K**
Matching grants for manufacturers to upgrade equipment, train employees, etc.
Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) Phase I, our flagship funding program, provides grants to Hawaii’s R&D companies in the earliest phases of development.

Phase 0 awards are given to companies that are submitting their first SBIR, working with a consultant to complete and submit their federal grant application.

**HSBIR PHASE 1 AWARDS, STATEWIDE (FY2016)**

- Total federal SBIR funding: $1.755 million
- HSBIR matching funds: $.520 million
- Number of companies: 12 companies
- Number of new companies: 5 companies
THE PHASE 1 MATCHING FUNDS HAVE HELPED TO HIRE EXPERTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, EXPEDITING OUR PROTOTYPE AND ENABLING US TO PURSUE FOLLOW-ON FEDERAL OR PRIVATE FUNDING.

Nalu Scientific, LLC, Honolulu, HI
Isar Mostafanezhad, Founder

Since 1989, Hawaii has awarded matching grant funds to more than 135 companies and invested more than $10 million to support these companies developing important products that will grow the state’s economy.
Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) Phase 2 and Phase 3 awards allow companies to move past the research phase into product development. For fiscal year 2016, HTDC received $2 million to award to Hawaii’s best technology companies with the greatest promise for commercialization.
HSBIR MATCHING FUNDS HAVE ENABLED HIEVODEVO TO PARTNER WITH A LEADING AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING COMPANY TO TEST AND VALIDATE THE TECHNOLOGY; A FUNDAMENTAL STEP TOWARDS A FUTURE SBIR PHASE 3 GRANT.

Hawaii Evolutionary Development, LLC, Kula, HI
Letizio De Lanney, CEO

**HSBIR FUNDS: INDUSTRY TYPES**

- Engineering & Advanced Tech: 70%
- Medical/Healthcare: 20%
- Ag & Aquaculture: 10%
Launched in the spring of 2016, the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP) provides up to 20 percent matching funds ($100,000 maximum) to help local manufacturers expand with new equipment, employee training, or energy efficiency improvements. For fiscal year 2016, HTDC received $2 million to award to qualified manufacturers.

**MAP AWARDS (FY2016)**

| Total applications received | 69 |
| Total applications funded   | 51 |
| Total company investment    | $31,377,504 |
| Total grants requested      | $3,401,169 |
| Total matching grant awarded| $1,903,634 |

Projected economic impact*

- New employees: 363
- New jobs earning > $80K/year: 70
- Jobs saved: 266

* These projections were reported by the applicants.
THE MAP GRANT HAS HELPED US TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR BETTER EFFICIENCY AND EXPANDED PRODUCTION. THESE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WILL ENABLE US TO INCREASE ANNUAL SALES BY $900,000, ADD 8 NEW EMPLOYEES, AND ATTRACT OVER $1,500,000 IN ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS.

Maui Brewing Co., Kihei, HI
Garrett W. Marrero, CEO/Founder

TOTAL GRANT FUNDING BY CATEGORY
- Equipment ($1,738,104; 91%)
- Energy Efficiency ($127,604; 7%)
- Training ($31,793; 2%)
- Feasibility ($7,317; 0%)

TOTAL GRANT FUNDING BY INDUSTRY
- Food (45%)
- Beverage and Tobacco (20%)
- Paper and Printing (11%)
- Chemical, Plastics, etc. (13%)
- Fabricated Metal and Transportation Equipment (9%)
- Textile and Apparel (2%)

There are approximately 1,700 manufacturers of all types across the islands that make the Made in Hawaii label a global brand.
THE HONR GRANT ENABLES US TO PURSUE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND HIRE A HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE TO HELP BRING THE PROJECT INTO COMMERCIALIZATION.

Navatek, Ltd., Honolulu, HI
Martin Kao, CEO

PILOTING INNOVATIVE ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS

NEW FUNDS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIPS
HONR GRANTS

Hawaii state matching funds for U.S. Office of Naval Research Energy Projects (HONR) provides up to 50 percent, with a maximum of $500,000, to companies developing new energy technology. The two-year pilot research program was signed into law by Gov. Ige in 2016 to help Hawaii achieve its goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2045.

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FUNDS AWARDED BY COUNTY
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU FUNDS AWARDED

HSBIR Phase 1
Number of companies 8
Total federal SBIR funding $1,158,544
Total matching funds $444,008

HSBIR Phase 2
Number of companies 8
Total federal SBIR funding $5,201,849
Total matching funds $1,330,000

Manufacturing Assistance Program
Total number of companies 29
Total grant funding $1,096,592

“THE NEW HSBIR PHASE 2 MATCHING GRANTS ARE A CRITICAL PART OF OUR STRATEGY. WITHOUT THEM, WE WOULD BE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN IMPROVING OUR TECHNOLOGY AND PURSUING THE FUNDING NEEDED TO COMMERCIALIZE OUR TECHNOLOGY.”

Terasys Technologies LLC, Honolulu, HI
Kevin Miyashiro, CEO & Founder
INNOVATE HAWAII’S MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE GRANT HAS HELPED US TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR EFFICIENCY AND EXPANDED PRODUCTION. THESE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WILL ENABLE US TO INCREASE ANNUAL SALES BY $11,000,000, SAVE $420,000 IN COST, AND RETAIN 25 HIGH PAYING JOBS IN A RURAL AREA.

Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, Kahului, HI
Robert King, President
COUNTY OF HAWAII
FUNDS AWARDED

HSBIR Phase 1
Number of companies    1
Total federal SBIR funding    $100,000
Total matching funds    $30,000

Manufacturing Assistance Program
Total number of companies    6
Total grant funding    $225,424

“THE HAWAII MATCHING FUND IS CRITICAL TO ADVANCE OUR RESEARCH AND ENCOURAGES OTHER PARTNERS TO PROVIDE SIMILAR MATCHING SUPPORT MOVING US CLOSER TO COMMERCIALIZATION.”

Kampachi Farms, Kailua-Kona, HI
Neil Anthony Sims, Co-Founder & CEO
“THE MAP GRANT WAS THE INCENTIVE WE NEEDED TO UPGRADE OUR KITCHEN PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MAKE OUR OPERATIONS MORE EFFICIENT FOR TIME AND MORE CONSISTENT DURING PRODUCTION. IT ALLOWED US TO PURSUE NEW RETAIL AND WHOLESALE BUSINESS. THIS PROGRAM MADE A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR ISLAND BUSINESS AND CONSEQUENTLY, TO ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS TOO.”

Papalua Island LLCs, Kapaa, HI
Morris Wise, Owner
INTERESTED IN GETTING FUNDING? APPLY NOW!

HTDC is accepting applications for both HSBIR and MAP programs. More details for each funding program are available at www.htdc.org.

ABOUT HSBIR APPLICATIONS

Applicant requirements: Must be recipients of a federal SBIR grant, have a strong commercialization plan and demonstrate economic development for the company.

Funding Amount: Up to 50 percent of the federal SBIR award, a maximum of $500,000.

Application Process: Applicants make two presentations to the review committee. Applications are available online. They are accepted throughout the year and reviewed by the committee quarterly.

ABOUT MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) APPLICATIONS

Applicant Requirements: Must be a manufacturer with qualifying expenses for purchasing manufacturing or energy efficiency equipment, training employees on manufacturing equipment, or third-party feasibility studies for manufacturing processes or facilities.

Funding Amount: Companies will be reimbursed up to 20 percent, to a maximum of $100,000, for qualified expenses.

Application Process: Applicants must have a manufacturing NAICS code, a DUNS number and appropriate invoices before receiving payment. A committee will review all applications, which are accepted through April 30, 2017.
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