

# QUICK GUIDE:

## Accessing NIH TABA Funding After Receiving an SBIR Award

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### What is TABA?

Technical and Business Assistance (TABA) is funding provided by the NIH to help small businesses advance the commercialization of technologies developed through SBIR/STTR grants. TABA can support activities such as:

- Market research
- IP strategy
- Regulatory guidance
- Product launch plans
- Partnering and investor engagement strategies

Even if you didn't request TABA in your initial grant application, you may still apply for TABA funding as an administrative supplement after receiving your NOA.



# TABA Funding Amounts



These amounts are consistent with NIH guidance and must be used for technical and commercialization support only.

## When and How to Apply for TABA Funds

You can apply for TABA in your SBIR/STTR application or as an administrative supplement after receiving your NOA. This supplement is submitted through the NIH ASSIST system:

Steps to Apply:

1. **Login to ASSIST**
2. **Select “Administrative Supplement”**
3. Complete your supplement request package with:
  - o Cover letter
  - o Supplement request form
  - o Budget with justification
  - o Vendor Scope of Work (SOW)
4. **Justify use of a TABA vendor** (e.g., i5 BioPartners)
5. **Submit through your eRA Commons account**

Apply via  
NIH ASSIST



**Note:** Your application must clearly indicate that the funds are for SBIR/STTR TABA purposes in **Budget Section 8-17 (“Other: SBIR/STTR Technical Assistance”)**.

# Using i5 BioPartners as Your TABA Vendor

i5 BioPartners specializes in supporting NIH-funded innovators with market entry strategies and commercialization plans. Here's how we can help, and how to structure your budget:

## SAMPLE BUDGET JUSTIFICATION LANGUAGE (SECTION 8-17)

*"i5 BioPartners provides access to a vast network of experts and key opinion leaders (KOLs), tailored solutions based on a design-thinking approach, and expertise in market research, go-to-market strategy, and global distribution. Working with i5 will help [Company Name] accelerate market adoption for [Product Name]."*

SAMPLE SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES FOR MARKETING STRATEGY		
Service	i5 BioPartners Activities	Outcomes
Define Target Markets	Recommend target applications & markets	Agreed upon target segments
Test & Select Channels	Provide recommendations for initial test markets	Prioritized list of preferred channels
Define Goals	Provide KPIs and success metrics	Measurement framework for commercialization
Create Campaign Concepts	Build marketing concepts based on application fit	Strategy roadmap for future execution
Termed Marketing Plan	Develop full omnichannel marketing plan	Ready-to-launch commercialization strategy

## Other Considerations

- **Eligibility:** You must be a current SBIR/STTR Phase I or II awardee.
- **Application Window:** Anytime during the award period. However, ideally submitted shortly after receiving your NOA.
- **Time to Award:** Typically, 6-12 weeks after applying to receive funds
- **Contact Your Program Officer:** It's best practice to check with your NIH Program Officer before submission to make them aware and confirm availability of funds.

## Checklist Before You Submit

- ☐ Received Phase I or II NOA
- ☐ Did not request TABA in the original application
- ☐ Identified a qualified vendor (e.g., i5 BioPartners)
- ☐ Prepared Budget Justification under Section 8-17
- ☐ Created a Scope of Work with clear deliverables
- ☐ Confirmed with Program Officer
- ☐ Submitted through ASSIST



We are here to help you. If you have any questions or need a specific quote with a scope of work, we commit to having that turned around in one business day.



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