

ADDENDUM

AGENDA ITEM #1
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MEMORANDUM

July 9, 2026

TO: Economic Development (ECON) Committee

FROM: Jim Ogorzalek, Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: Bill 22-26, Finance - Economic Development Fund - Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Matching Grant Program - Repeal of Sunset Date

PURPOSE: **Worksession** – to receive a Committee recommendation

Following publication of the July 8, 2026, staff report for Bill 22-26, Finance - Economic Development Fund - Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Matching Grant Program - Repeal of Sunset Date, Council President Fani-González indicated an intent to offer an amendment to the bill.

The amendment would codify the Phase 0 grant already included in the Code of Montgomery County Regulations and presently implemented using the Economic Development Fund. The amendment would provide for Phase 0 grant eligibility regardless of industry—as opposed to the Phase I and Phase II grants, which are restricted to medicine, biotechnology, or life sciences.

The full text of the proposed amendment, which is incorporated by this addendum into the staff report, is as follows:

1. Council President Fani-González Amendment

Add lines 25–36, as follows:

- (d) *Phase 0 Grant. A business is eligible to receive a Phase 0 grant up to \$5,000 for business expenditures related to the completion and filing of a SBIR or STTR Phase I or Fast Track grant application, including technical assistance,*

if:

- (1) it is in Good Standing with the SDAT;
- (2) it has business expenditures related to the completion and filing of a SBIR or STTR Phase I or Fast Track grant application, including technical assistance, related to a submitted SBIR/STTR Phase 1 proposal, regardless of industry;
- (3) at least 51 percent of the business's research and development assisted by the SBIR or STTR grant is conducted in Montgomery County;
- (4) it has a maximum number of 20 employees;
- (5) it has been in in operation for no more than 5 years;
- (6) it has previously received no more than one Phase 0 grant to pursue Phase I awards from the County; and
- (7) it has never received an SBIR or STTR award.

(e) *Regulations.* The Executive may adopt regulations under Method (2) to implement this Section.

~~[[e]]~~ (f) *Administration.*

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