

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
WEDC 4/9/2014

LRB Number	13-3940/1	Introduction Number	AB-0917	Estimate Type	Original
Description Grants to certain small businesses that receive federal grants					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2013 AB 917 directs WEDC to establish a grant program to award state matching grants to recipients of Phase I and II federal Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR) grants. State matching grants are capped at the lesser of \$50,000 or the amount of the federal grant. The program is capped at \$300,000 per state fiscal year.

In order to receive a Phase I SBIR or STTR state matching grant, an applicant must meet the following conditions:

- The applicant is located, or will be located, in Wisconsin.
- The research must benefit Wisconsin.
- At least 51% of the research will occur in Wisconsin.
- The applicant intends to apply for a Phase II SBIR or STTR federal grant.

In order to receive a Phase II SBIR or STTR state matching grant, an applicant must meet the following conditions:

- The applicant must have completed the requirements for its Phase I SBIR or STTR federal grant.
- The applicant has received a Phase II SBIR or STTR federal grant.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

WEDC currently operates an Entrepreneurial Micro-Grant Program that, among other services, provides grant assistance to companies applying for SBIR and STTR federal grants. The program currently partners with the Center for Technology Commercialization to administer the program. This legislation would require WEDC to develop and implement a matching grant program using WEDC staff. This new program would require 1 FTE position to administer the program. Given that WEDC receives a block grant to develop and implement economic development programs and this legislation contains no augmentation to existing funds, the increase in staffing requirements for this expansion would need to come from already committed programmatic funds.