



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE ECOSYSTEM

Louisville has a robust ecosystem of community resources to help small businesses start and succeed, from an entrepreneur to a retailer to a service provider.

Louisville Metro Department of Economic Development

Louisville Metro Department of Economic Development assists businesses with resources including troubleshooting regulatory processes with other agencies, finding a location for new or expanding business, facilitating connections with other small businesses, business associations and resources, and obtaining funding to help the business open or grow.

- The METCO loan program also is housed in this department, and businesses can apply for loans up to \$100,000.
- Nia Center Business Clinic is a one-stop resource where you can find anything from finishing your GED, to starting a business, to getting a job.

www.louisvilleky.gov/economicdevelopment | 502.574.4140

Louisville Metro Department of Community Services Microbusiness Program

This program helps low and moderate income business owners with starting and growing small businesses (five or fewer people). The program includes training, technical assistance and an opportunity to apply for a microloan, up to \$15,000.

www.louisvilleky.gov/communityservices | 502.574.5168

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development – Office of Entrepreneurship

The Office of Entrepreneurship provides guidance and support to start-up operations statewide and assists existing small business with growth opportunities. The office also guides the Cabinet's extensive resources for small and new businesses, as well as innovative and high-tech companies, through funding initiatives, marketing and sales assistance and small business advocacy.

www.thinkkentucky.com/entrepreneurship | 800.626.2930

EnterpriseCorp

EnterpriseCorp is the entrepreneurial arm of Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI) – the region's leading economic development organization and the Louisville Regional Office for the Kentucky Innovation Network (KIN). GLI's EnterpriseCorp is dedicated to building a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem and culture for small, early and second stage fast growth firms.

www.greatertlouisville.com/enterprisecorp | 502.625.0000

Navigate Enterprise Center

The Navigate Enterprise Center is a subsidiary of Jewish Family & Career Services, which focuses on low-income individuals, immigrants and refugees by assisting them in pursuing entrepreneurship as a viable means of achieving economic self-sufficiency. This is accomplished through business education, mentorship, financial literacy training and access to micro-lending programs and partnerships.

www.navigatecenter.com | 502.452.6341

U.S. Small Business Administration

SBA provides counseling services to help start and grow a small business, and a full array of loan, contracting and exporting programs.

www.sba.gov | 502.582.5971

KY Small Business Development Center

KY Small Business Development Center offers training and consulting services, including one-on-one management consultations, training workshops, market research, loan packaging help, and assistance with financial projections.

www.ksbdc.org | 502.625.0123

SCORE

SCORE is a volunteer, non-profit organization of counselors that provides free and confidential business counseling to both prospective entrepreneurs and existing small business owners throughout the Louisville metropolitan area.

www.louisville.score.org | 502.582.5976

The Women's Business Center of Kentucky

The Women's Business Center of Kentucky is a U.S. Small Business program hosted by Community Ventures, WBCKY represents a national network of over 100 educational centers designed to assist women to start and grow their small business. Through management and technical assistance, entrepreneurs (especially women who are economically or socially disadvantaged) are offered comprehensive training and counseling services.

www.wbcky.org | 502.992.9495

Kiva

Louisville became an official Kiva city in 2014, allowing local business and social entrepreneurs to use Kiva's online peer-to-peer lending site with zero interest loans to start business and do good things. For supporters of these local entrepreneurs, Kiva makes it easy to also make loans to potential projects and businesses.

www.kiva.org/louisville | 502.533.4024

Community Ventures

Community Ventures provides business loans to start-up and existing businesses, and offers assistance with business planning and technical assistance.

www.cvcky.org | 502.566.6076

UofL Family Business Center

Family Business Center is a community where business-owning families can exchange strategies and experiences and share challenging issues that are unique to family businesses. The Family Business Center offers educational forums, business roundtables, family-business advising and relationship building.

<https://fbcul.memberclicks.net> | 502.852.8874



FINANCE SOURCES

Live. Work. Create. Innovate.

\$2.5-\$15 million

Large Corporate Lending

Banking Institutions

\$500,000-\$2.5 million

Middle Market Lending

U.S. Small Business Administration

Capital Access Corporation-KY

\$10,000-\$500,000

Small Business Lending

U.S. Small Business Administration

KEDFA Small Business Loan

Louisville Metro – METCO

Community Ventures

\$1,000-\$10,000

Micro Finance

Kiva Zip Louisville

Community Ventures

Louisville Metro – METCO and MicroLoan Programs

FREE CAPITAL

Crowdfunding

- Indiegogo
- Kickstarter

KSTC

- SBIR/STTR Match
- KY Commercialization Fund
- Kentucky New Energy Ventures Fund

Pitch Competitions

- Venture Sharks
- Cardinal Challenge

Vogt Invention and Innovation Fund

\$50,000-\$500,000

Angel Investors

Anchorage Angels

Bluegrass Angels

Enterprise Angels

Innovation Angels

Kentucky Angels

Kentucky Enterprise Fund (KSTC)

Louisville Angel Investor

Tri-State Angels Investment Group

VenCap Kentucky

\$500,000-\$1.5 million

Seed Funds

Blue Equity

Cobalt Ventures

Commonwealth Seed Capital

Enterprise Angels Community Fund

Evermore Fund

Kentucky Enterprise Fund (KSTC)

KY Seed Capital Fund

Rural Investment Fund

Yearling Fund

\$1.5 million and greater

Institutional Venture Capital

National Venture Capitalists

DEBT

EQUITY

TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

Kentucky Business Investment Program

Kentucky Enterprise Initiative Act

Kentucky Small Business Tax Credit