



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 Government

New and aspiring business owners can get assistance with resources to help start or grow a business, including troubleshooting regulatory processes with other city agencies, finding a location for new or expanding business, facilitating connections with other small businesses and business associations, and obtaining funding to help the business open or grow.

The METCO loan program includes several loan products that can assist small businesses to start or grow their business, improve facades of a storefront, increase accessibility to meet ADA requirements, or become more sustainable with energy efficient systems or appliances.

www.louisvilleky.gov/smallbusiness | 502.574.4140

JFCS Navigate

JFCS Navigate Enterprise serves 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 education, and credit building, as well as microlending.

www.jfcslouisville.org | 502.452.6341 ext 225

Community Ventures

Community Ventures provides support for small businesses through business plan development and ongoing business support, including credit building and microlending programs, as well as SBA 504 loans. They manage food services incubator Chef Space and the Women's Business Center.

www.cvky.org | 502.566.6076

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development – Office of Entrepreneurship

The Office of Entrepreneurship provides guidance and support to start-up operations and helps existing small businesses grow. 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

U.S. Small Business Administration

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

www.sba.gov/ky | 502.582.5971

KY Procurement Technical Assistance Center

KYPTAC provides free, highly personalized procurement assistance to businesses that seek to work with federal, state, and local government agencies, including offering free certification for WMBE businesses

www.kyptac.com | 502.377.4200

SCORE

SCORE is a volunteer-based, nonprofit 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

Louisville Small Business Development Center

The SBDC offers one-on-one business coaching and consultation, including business plan development, market research and assistance with loan packaging. The Coach Connect portal allows businesses to schedule appointments with coaches online.

www.louisvillemallbusiness.com | 502.625.0123

Amplify

Amplify Louisville is a place for tech-enabled startups and founders to explore ideas, build solutions, launch products, and grow businesses.

www.amplifylouisville.com | 502.380.6550

Louisville Free Public Library

LFPL is home to Lynda.com, an online learning resource, which can help a small business owner develop their business and marketing strategies, enhance their technical skills, and access free tools to conduct market research. LFPL also hosts Entrepreneur Fairs, exposing participants to the small business resource providers in the region.

www.lfpl.org | 502.574.1611

Render Capital

Render Capital is a community impact and social entrepreneurship lending entity focused on economic equity and serving underrepresented communities. Its First Dollar Program for Black and Brown entrepreneurs provides capital investment at the critical early stages.

www.render.capital | 502.208.1641

LHOME

Louisville Housing Opportunities and Micro-Enterprise Community Development Loan Fund, Inc. (LHOME) is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that provides non-predatory loans and financial support to micro-entrepreneurs, small businesses, small real estate developers and nonprofits, particularly in west and southwest Louisville.

www.lhomeky.org | 502.882.8091

LISC Louisville

LISC Louisville is a CDFI that supports job growth in underserved communities by helping equip local businesses with the resources they need to grow, providing direct financing, and building out larger networks of coordinated assistance for small enterprises overlooked by conventional financing channels.

www.lisc.org/louisville | 502.206.3805

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

EPAD - Louisville Metro

\$10,000-\$500,000

Small Business Lending

U.S. Small Business Administration

Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority

LISC Louisville

METCO - Louisville Metro

\$1,000-\$10,000

Micro Finance

JFCS Enterprise Center

Park Community Credit Union

First Financial Bank

Cool Roofs Program - Louisville Metro

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FREE CAPITAL

Crowdfunding

- Indiegogo
- Kickstarter
- GoFundMe

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

Bluegrass Angels Fund

Bluegrass Angels

Enterprise Angels

Kentucky Angels

Kentucky Enterprise Fund (KSTC)

Lincoln Trail Ventures

Metro Startup Launcher

Tri-State Angels Investment Group

\$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

