



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 appliances. Businesses can apply for loans up to \$200,000.

www.louisvilleky.gov/economicdevelopment | 502.574.4140

Navigate Enterprise Center

The Navigate Enterprise Center is a subsidiary of Jewish Family and 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

Community Ventures

Community Ventures provides business loans to start-up and existing businesses and offers technical assistance with business planning and growth. Community Ventures also manages and operates Chef Space, a kitchen incubator for early-stage retail or wholesale food entrepreneurs, and hosts the U.S. Small Business program, The Women's Business Center, that offers networking and educational opportunities for women business owners. 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 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/overview.aspx | 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

SCORE

SCORE is a volunteer, 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

KY Small Business Development Center

SBDC 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

Louisville Entrepreneurship Acceleration Partnership (LEAP)

LEAP is a public-private partnership that aims to amplify the greater Louisville region's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Working with an active network of partners, collaborators, and resources, LEAP's mission is to create and sustain an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem with programming and access to resources for startups.

www.louisvilleinnovation.com

KY Procurement Technical Assistance Center

KY PTAC provides free, highly personalized procurement assistance to businesses that seek work with federal, state, and local government agencies. www.kyptac.com

Louisville Free Public Library

LFPL is home to Lynda.com, an online learning resource for many skills-building subjects, which can help a small business owner develop their business strategies, technical skills, and marketing, as well as many 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

Access Ventures

Access Ventures is an impact investing and social entrepreneurship lending entity focused on economic equity and serving underrepresented communities. The Access Ventures Growth Loan use includes working capital, website improvements, and other business expenses. www.accessventures.org | 502.208.1641

LHOME

The Louisville Housing Opportunities and Micro-Enterprise Community Development Loan Fund, Inc. (LHOME) is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), which provides non-predatory loans and financial support to micro-entrepreneurs, small businesses, small real estate developers and nonprofits, particularly in underserved areas in west and southwest Louisville. www.lhomeky.org | 502.882.8091

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

LHOME Contractor Working Capital Loan

\$1,000-\$10,000

Micro Finance

Kiva Zip Louisville

Community Ventures

Navigate Enterprise Center Microloan Program

LHOME Micro-Loans

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

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

