KENTUCKY STARTUP PIPELINE

ENTRY POINTS

PRE-SEED FUNDING
- CherubFund
- Wild Duck
- Keyhorse Capital

SEED CAPITAL
- Kentucky Angel Fund
- Kentucky Seed Capital
- Commonwealth Seed Capital
- Scalable Ventures
- LSVP Ventures
- Lunsford Capital

ACCELERATE AND SCALE
- Russell Technology Business Incubator
- A-Team
- LaunchIT
- XerateHealth
- Endeavor

TECH RESOURCES
- Awesome Inc U.
- <code>Hire</code>
- <code>Kentucky</code>
- <code>Louisville</code>
- Interapt

VENTURE CAPITAL
- LSVP Ventures
- Gateway Capital
- Chrysalis
- Thornton Capital
- Keyhorse Capital
- Lunsford Capital

CELEBRATED SUCCESS
- HOF
- Entrepreneurs' Hall of Fame
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LAUNCH BLUE

Launch Blue, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to supporting promising technology startup founders and university innovators in Kentucky and beyond. They aim to drive job creation, wealth creation, and inspiration into underserved, growth markets globally. Our office supports Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio entrepreneurs.

Endeavor Scale up

Endeavor Scale up works by connecting ambitious women with high-caliber global mentors, we aim to provide a series of personalized and strategic mentorship calls that are tailored to guide the entrepreneurs through their specific challenges.

The Governor’s School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) identifies and enables Kentucky high school students to become our Commonwealth’s next generation of entrepreneurs.

The Incubator Kitchen Collective is a community-driven support system that combines resources, knowledge, and experience to help local food entrepreneurs succeed. They provide education, promote food access, and offer support to our kitchen members and to the community around us.

Invest 606 is a non-profit with a mission to catalyze business growth in the 606 by connecting entrepreneurs with the resources they need to succeed today and grow tomorrow.

Keyhorse Capital is a seed-stage venture capital firm supporting a thriving community of Kentucky-based entrepreneurs willing to build and grow innovative companies.

KY Angel Investors brings new ventures and investors together across KY. Monthly online meetings provide investors access to early-stage deal flow on a statewide basis. Access to investors with a passion for investing in Kentucky’s companies of tomorrow.

KY Pitch

The KY Pitch competition is designed to inspire our innovators and entrepreneurs by providing an inclusive platform for our future leaders to develop and pursue their ideas. Students from Kentucky, A0’s post-secondary colleges and universities are given an opportunity to pitch their business or idea stage concept to a large audience composed of investors, community leaders, and the public.

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KY Innovation Network

KY Innovation Network creates a network of business leaders and mentors to grow companies through the thirteen offices throughout Kentucky.
Louisville Institute of Technology

The Louisville Institute of Technology’s mission is to prepare students and apprentices, through intensive, immersive practical training, so that they may qualify for and attain employment in high-demand Information Technology technical fields and professions.

marshallventures.com

Marshall Ventures is based in Owensboro KY. We have access to a variety of resources from a wide range of industries and markets through our established contacts all across the state of Kentucky and beyond.

poplarventures.com

Poplar Ventures is a venture capital firm investing in early growth stage companies delivering recurring revenue cloud-based software services. Poplar supports its portfolio companies by leveraging the proven operating experience of its team and advisors.

render.capital

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SOAR (13 KY locations)

Grows Kentucky’s economy by cultivating existing companies, nurturing new ventures, fostering the creation of jobs and increasing business profitability. Offers business planning, consulting, training, and resources.

SBDC

Sprocket has a mission to turn innovative ideas into great companies by creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Paducah that supports talent, tech enabled companies, and venture capitalists.

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<th>The University of Kentucky's Office of Technology Commercialization's mission is to advance innovation that makes a difference.</th>
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<td>Unbridled Ventures</td>
<td>Unbridled Ventures fund consists of accomplished angel investors who provide funding and expertise to help entrepreneurs fulfill their American dream.</td>
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