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October 31, 2026

The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
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KENTUCKY INVESTMENT FUND ACT (KIFA)
Annual Report
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The Kentucky Investment Fund Act (KIFA) provides up to a 40 percent (40%) nonrefundable tax credit to individuals and corporations that invest in venture capital funds approved by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) prior to January 1, 2023 and up to a 25 percent (25%) nonrefundable tax credit for funds approved on or after January 1, 2023 when the approved fund makes a qualified investment in a Kentucky small business. This report provides information regarding funds approved under current legislation.

Legislation: The allocation of tax credits under the KIFA program began in 2003. Under the current law, KEDFA provides a one-time approval for a maximum amount of credits to be authorized for a single fund. Each investment is documented and approved as qualified. Eligible credits are then prorated among the individual investors based on the amount of individual cash contributions.

Below is a summary of the venture capital funds that have been approved in this program:

	Fund Name	Date Approved	Status	Committed Cash Contributions	Maximum Approved Credits*	Authorized Credits**
1	NKY Growth Fund I, LLC	1/27/2011	Inactive	$510,000	$612,000	$484,295
2	Strike Ventures Fund I, LLC	1/28/2021	Inactive	$1,400,000	$1,000,000	$939,997
3	Bluegrass Angel Venture Fund V, LLC	1/28/2021	Inactive	$6,500,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
4	Kentucky Select Fund, LLC	1/28/2021	Inactive	$750,000	$1,000,000	$679,740
5	Awesome Fund I LLC	10/26/2023	Active	$1,300,000	$1,000,000	$237,004
Grand Total				**$10,460,000**	**$5,612,000**	**$4,341,036**

Inactive Status — Fund status changed to inactive during the reporting period
* Maximum Approved Credits — Amount of credits approved by KEDFA for the investment fund
**Authorized Credits — Amount of credits eligible to be claimed by investors based on qualified investments

Below is a summary of the number, type, and geographical location of investors who have invested in approved venture capital funds:

Number and Type of Investors

Fund	Corporation	Financial Institution	Foundation	Holding Company	Individual	Insurance Co.	LLC	LP	Non-profit	Partnership	Retirement Trust	SBA	Trust	Total Investors	Geographic Area of Investors
NKY Growth Fund I, LLC					2								4	**6**	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)
Strike Ventures Fund I, LLC	1				15		1						2	**19**	Louisville (KIPDA)
Bluegrass Angel Venture Fund V, LLC					55		9			1			5	**70**	Bluegrass ADD, Louisville (KIPDA), Lake Cumberland ADD, Gateway ADD, Northern Kentucky ADD, Paducah (PADD), Out of
Kentucky Select Fund, LLC					38		8						6	**52**	Bluegrass ADD, Louisville (KIPDA), Out of State
Awesome Fund I LLC					31		7		1				2	**41**	Bluegrass ADD, Northern Kentucky ADD, Louisville (KIPDA), Out of State

Below is a summary of the qualified investments that have been made by the approved venture capital funds:

Fund	Investment Number	Invest Year	Nature of Small Business	Description of Small Business	Geographic Location	Jobs*	Investment Amount	Credits Authorized
NKY Growth Fund I, LLC	1	2011	Magleve Technology	Automation technology development	Hebron (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$50,000	$20,000
	2	2011	Magleve Technology	Automation technology development	Hebron (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$25,000	$10,000
	3	2012	Magleve Technology	Automation technology development	Hebron (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$30,000	$12,000
	4	2013	Healthcare	Healthcare provider education	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$100,000	$40,000
	5	2014	Knowledge solutions	3D printing designs	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$50,000	$20,000
	6	2014	Healthcare	Healthcare provider education	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$143,000	$57,200
	7	2015	Information Technology & Communications	Online app for parents	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$100,000	$40,000
	8	2015	Healthcare	Medical device product development	Louisville (KIPDA)		$50,000	$20,000
	9	2015	Information Technology & Communications	Customer feedback technology	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$50,000	$20,000
	10	2016	Healthcare	Healthcare provider education	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$17,737	$7,095
	11	2017	Other New Economy Knowledge Based Activity	Collectible marketplace	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$50,000	$20,000
	12	2017	Information Technology & Communications	Customer feedback technology	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$50,000	$20,000
	13	2018	Other New Economy Knowledge Based Activity	Theatre e-commerce	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$25,000	$10,000
	14	2019	Environmental Technology	Biogas technology	Ft. Mitchell (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$240,000	$96,000
	15	2020	Information Technology & Communications	Startup sector service platform	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$25,000	$10,000
	16	2021	Information Technology & Communications	Commerical multi-media platform	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$75,000	$30,000
	17	2022	Information Technology & Communications	Commerical multi-media platform	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)	10	$75,000	$30,000
	18	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Commerical multi-media platform	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)	3	$30,000	$12,000
	19	2024	Information Technology & Communications	Platform to promote health and fitness	Ft. Thomas (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$25,000	$10,000
NKY Growth Fund I, LLC Total						**13**	**$1,210,737**	**$484,295**
Strike Ventures Fund I, LLC	1	2021	Information Technology & Communications	Data architecture & advanced analytics	Louisville (KIPDA)		$599,995	$239,998
	2	2021	Information Technology & Communications	Social media platform w/ proprietary information technology analysis	Louisville (KIPDA)	3	$250,000	$100,000
	3	2021	Information Technology & Communications	Data architecture & advanced analytics	Louisville (KIPDA)	7	$349,998	$140,000
	4	2021	Information Technology & Communications	Indoor digital map application	Louisville (KIPDA)	3	$350,000	$140,000
	5	2021	Bioscience	Animal diagnostic tools	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	3	$149,999	$59,999
	6	2022	Information Technology & Communications	Indoor digital map application	Louisville (KIPDA)	4	$250,000	$100,000
	7	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Real estate firm management through SaaS.	Louisville (KIPDA)		$150,000	$60,000
	8	2024	Information Technology & Communications	Indoor digital map application	Louisville (KIPDA)		$100,000	$40,000

	9	2024	Information Technology & Communications	Indoor digital map application	Louisville (KIPDA)		$150,000	$60,000
Strike Ventures Fund I, LLC Total						**20**	**$2,349,991**	**$939,997**
Bluegrass Angel Venture Fund V, LLC	1	2021	Information Technology & Communications	Cloud-based veterinary practice management software	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$125,000	$45,000
	2	2021	Bioscience	Animal diagnostic tools	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	1	$299,997	$108,619
	3	2021	Materials Science & Advanced Manufacturing	Solar technology	Louisville (KIPDA)	2	$100,000	$36,667
	4	2021	Health & Human Development	Mobile health information	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	2	$75,000	$27,500
	5	2022	Information Technology & Communications	Patient-centric software for optimizing organ procurement	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	5	$150,000	$55,000
	6	2022	Environmental & Energy Technology	Food manufacturing technology	Louisville (KIPDA)		$150,000	$55,000
	7	2022	Bioscience	Pest Control	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	1	$150,000	$55,000
	8	2022	Information Technology & Communications	AI software to edit and produce podcasts	Prospect (KIPDA)	3	$250,000	$91,670
	9	2022	Environmental & Energy Technology	Food manufacturing technology	Louisville (KIPDA)	3	$100,000	$36,667
	10	2022	Environmental & Energy Technology	Manufacturer of precious metal catalysts	Louisville (KIPDA)		$250,000	$91,667
	11	2023	Information Technology & Communications	AI e-commerce software	Louisville (KIPDA)		$200,000	$73,333
	12	2023	Information Technology & Communications	AI software to edit and produce podcasts	Prospect (KIPDA)	1	$50,000	$18,333
	13	2023	Information Technology & Communications	platform for a complete lung cancer screening management	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$250,000	$91,667
	14	2023	Bioscience	Medical device technology	Crestwood (KIPDA)	1	$200,000	$73,333
	15	2023	Information Technology & Communications	AI e-commerce software	Louisville (KIPDA)	5	$200,000	$73,846
	16	2023	Environmental & Energy Technology	Water treatment technology	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	2	$400,000	$147,692
	17	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Enterprise Software	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	2	$450,000	$165,000
	18	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Software development	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)	1	$250,000	$91,667
	19	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Case management software	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	2	$250,000	$92,308
	20	2023	Bioscience	Parasight diagnostic system	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	1	$19,426	$7,173
	21	2023	Information Technology & Communications	platform for a complete lung cancer screening management	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$100,000	$36,923
	22	2024	Materials Science & Advanced Manufacturing	Solar technology	Louisville (KIPDA)		$49,998	$18,461
	23	2024	Environmental & Energy Technology	Water treatment technology	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$20,518	$7,576
	24	2024	Materials Science & Advanced Manufacturing	Manufacturing of nanomaterials and development of nanowire-based materials.	Louisville (KIPDA)	2	$250,000	$92,308
	25	2024	Materials Science & Advanced Manufacturing	Chemical manufacturer of materials used to manufacture solar panels	Louisville (KIPDA)	2	$100,000	$36,923
	26	2024	Health & Human Development	Mental health platform exclusively for the military	Louisville (KIPDA)	2	$150,000	$55,385
	27	2024	Materials Science & Advanced Manufacturing	Solar technology	Louisville (KIPDA)		$49,998	$18,461
	28	2024	Information Technology & Communications	Software development	Covington (Northern Kentucky ADD)		$50,000	$18,462

	29	2025	Information Technology & Communications	AI-assisted financial underwriting technology	Louisville (KIPDA)	2	$50,000	$18,462
	30	2025	Materials Science & Advanced Manufacturing	Chemical manufacturer of materials used to manufacture solar panels	Louisville (KIPDA)		$100,000	$36,923
	31	2025	Information Technology & Communications	Case management software	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$250,000	$92,308
	32	2025	Information Technology & Communications	platform for a complete lung cancer screening management	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	3	$100,000	$36,923
	33	2025	Environmental & Energy Technology	Process to produce net negative CO2 green hydrogen	Louisville (KIPDA)		$249,858	$92,255
	34	2025	Bioscience	Parasight diagnostic system	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$50,000	$1,488
Bluegrass Angel Venture Fund V, LLC Total						**43**	**$5,489,795**	**$2,000,000**
Kentucky Select Fund, LLC	1	2021	Information Technology & Communications	Enterprise Software	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$150,000	$60,000
	2	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Video game development	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$50,000	$20,000
	3	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Enterprise Software	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$37,498	$14,999
	4	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Video game development	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$1,450,004	$580,002
	5	2025	Information Technology & Communications	Video game development	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)		$11,848	$4,739
Kentucky Select Fund, LLC Total							**$1,699,351**	**$679,740**
Awesome Fund I LLC	1	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Social media platform w/ proprietary information technology analysis	Louisville (KIPDA)		$100,000	$25,000
	2	2023	Information Technology & Communications	Custom software development to aid in the decision-making process for health insurance	Louisville (KIPDA)		$50,000	$12,500
	3	2024	Materials Science & Advanced Manufacturing	Technology based bedsheets, pillowcases and sleep accessories	Louisville (KIPDA)	3	$100,000	$25,000
	4	2024	Information Technology & Communications	Indoor digital map application	Louisville (KIPDA)	5	$100,000	$25,000
	5	2024	Information Technology & Communications	AI-assisted financial underwriting technology	Louisville (KIPDA)	3	$50,000	$12,500
	6	2024	Information Technology & Communications	AI e-commerce software	Louisville (KIPDA)	3	$100,000	$25,000
	7	2025	Bioscience	Parasight diagnostic system	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	2	$250,000	$62,500
	8	2025	Information Technology & Communications	platform for a complete lung cancer screening management	Lexington (Bluegrass ADD)	1	$98,000	$24,500
	9	2025	Information Technology & Communications	Trading and logistics platform for enabling dealers to swap cars	Louisville (KIPDA)	15	$100,018	$25,004
Awesome Fund I LLC Total						**32**	**$948,018**	**$237,004**
Grand Total						**108**	**$11,697,892**	**$4,341,036**

*Jobs reported in active funds' most recent annual report