



## ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM RESOURCE GUIDE

**This list is for the entrepreneurs, business owners and/or gig workers who are serious about making the connections to build sustainable success. The resources listed below offer services to help you accomplish your small business goals.**

### BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM RESOURCES

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- [Export.gov](#) (The federal government's export information website)
- [Kansas City Coworking Alliance](#)
- [KCSOURCELINK](#)
- [Kansas City Startup Foundation](#)
- [Missouri Business 24/7](#)
- [Missouri Business Tax Registration steps](#)
- [SBA](#) (Small Business Administration)
- [USA.gov Small Business](#) (Services and organizations for financing, exporting, veterans, and more)

### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

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- [Bloch Venture Hub](#)
- [I-Corps Kansas City Site Program](#)
- [Entrepreneurship Scholars Program](#)
- [Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program](#)
- [Missouri Business Development Program](#)
- [Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers](#) (Assistance in obtaining government contracts)
- [UMKC Small Business & Technology Development Center](#)
- [ScaleUP! Kansas City](#)
- [SCORE](#) (Service Corps of Retired Executives - Kansas City chapter)
- [WIBO-Workshop in Business Opportunities](#)
- [Women's Business Center](#)



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## **CITY GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, VETERAN BUSINESS SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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- Blue Springs Economic Development Department
- Cass County Corporation of Economic Development
- Clay County Economic Development Council
- City of Kansas City Planning and Development Office
- Downtown Council
- Entrepreneurial Legal Services Clinic (UMKC)
- Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City
- Excelsior Springs Economic Development Office
- Independence Council for Economic Development
- Jackson County Economic Development Department
- Kansas City Area Development Council
- Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute
- KC Bizcare: Kansas City's Business Customer Service Center
- Lee's Summit Economic Development Council
- MARC (Mid America Regional Council)/Economic Development
- Veteran's Business Resource Center

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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- Launch KC
- Women's Capital Connection
- Digital Sandbox-KC
- GoFundMe
- Kickstarter

## **CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

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- Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City
- Basehor Chamber of Commerce
- Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Excelsior Springs Area Chamber of Commerce
- Gladstone Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce



### **CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (continued)**

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- Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City
- Independence Chamber of Commerce
- Kansas City Women's Chamber of Commerce
- Kearney Chamber of Commerce
- Leawood Chamber of Commerce
- Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce
- Lenexa Chamber of Commerce
- Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce
- Mid-America Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
- North Kansas City Business Council
- Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
- Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Olathe Chamber of Commerce
- Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
- Parkville Chamber of Commerce
- Platte City Area Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development
- Riverside Chamber of Commerce
- Shawnee Chamber of Commerce
- Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce

### **OTHER BUSINESS NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

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- ACA Business Club
- Accelerent
- American Business Women
- Business Connect Kansas City
- Business Networking International
- Business Support Services Network
- Central Exchange (Women)
- Global Entrepreneurship Week
- Hispanic Economic Development Corporation
- Kansas City Breakfast Club
- KC Networking Group



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### **OTHER BUSINESS NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES (continued)**

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- One Million Cups
- Meet Up list of Kansas City events
- Multicultural Business Coalition
- National Black MBA Association- Kansas City chapter
- Prospectors Club
- UP Kansas City
- Urban League of Greater Kansas City
- Referral Leaders International
- Small & Home-Based Business Connection
- Social Media Club of Kansas City
- The Freelance Exchange
- Tipclub
- Thinking Bigger Business