

## Funding Resource Directory

This is an incomplete list of funding resources available to businesses in the area.

Please let us know if there are others we should add or updates we need to make. Thank you.

Agency/Company	Type	Stages	Capital	Investment (000s of \$)	Restrictions	Industries	Phone	Location	Internet
<a href="#">ABN Amro</a>	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity, debt	1,000-10,000	late stage-only	diversified	312.904.6445	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.abnamro.com">www.abnamro.com</a>
<a href="#">Allied Capital Corp (Chicago branch)</a>	VC	1st and later mezzanine	Debt	5,000-25,000	mostly later stage/mezzanine investments	media, telecommunications and more including non-tech	312.828.0330	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.alliedcapital.com">www.alliedcapital.com</a>
<a href="#">Alpha Capital Partners</a>	VC	1st and later mezzanine	debt and equity	500-2,000		media, communications equipment and more including non-tech	312.322.9800	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.alphacapital.com">www.alphacapital.com</a>
<a href="#">Apex Investment Partners</a>	VC	start-up and later	equity	750-7,000		telecommunications, IT, software, consumer services	312.258.0320	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.apexvc.com">www.apexvc.com</a>

<a href="#">ARCH Venture Partners</a>	VC	R&D - 1st stage	equity	100-10,000	focuses on technologies out of UChicago, Argonne Natl Lab, ColumbiaU, Sandia and Los Alamos Labs and UWashington	tech, med, pharma, energy, etc.	773.380.6600	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.archventure.com">www.archventure.com</a>
<a href="#">Baird Capital Partners (Chicago branch)</a>	VC	2nd stage and later	equity	5,000-25,000	late stage	manufacturing, biz and consumer services, consumer products, healthcare products and services, etc.	312.609.4700	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.rwbaird.com">www.rwbaird.com</a>
<a href="#">Bank of America Mezzanine Investment Group</a>	VC	mezzanine, bridge, acquisition	equity and debt	4,000-40,000	late stage-only	manufacturing preferred	312.828.2345	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.bacapitalinvestors.com">www.bacapitalinvestors.com</a>
<a href="#">BankAmerica Ventures</a>	VC	All stages	equity and debt	5,000-75,000			650-378-6000	Foster City, CA	<a href="http://www.baventurepartners.com">www.baventurepartners.com</a>

<a href="#">Batterson Venture Partners</a>	VC	seed - 2nd stage	equity	500-5,000		bio, tech, communications, high tech, medical	312.269.0300	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.battersonvp.com">www.battersonvp.com</a>
<a href="#">BlueStar Ventures</a>	VC	seed, start-up, 1st stage	equity	?	Midwest-focus	tech, internet, telecom	312.384.5000	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.bluestarventures.com">www.bluestarventures.com</a>
<a href="#">Brinson Partners, Inc.</a>	VC	start-up and later	equity	1,000-25,000		many	312.220.7100	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.ubsbrinson.com">www.ubsbrinson.com</a>
<a href="#">Catalyst Equity Partners, LLC (Chicago branch)</a>	VC	acquisition, recap, bankruptcy	equity	5,000-15,000	late stage, seeks distressed companies to help	diversified	312.920.9800	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.catalystequity.com">www.catalystequity.com</a>
<a href="#">Chicago Venture Partners</a>	VC	late stage	equity, debt	1,000-2,500		media, communications, computer software, consumer and financial services	312.297.7000	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.chicagoventure.com">www.chicagoventure.com</a>
<a href="#">CID Equity Partners (Chicago branch)</a>	VC	start-up and later	equity, debt	1,000-3,000	start-up and later	diversified	312.578.5350	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.cidequity.com">www.cidequity.com</a>

<a href="#">CIVC Partners</a>	VC	second stage and later	equity, debt	10,000-75,000	late-stage only	financial services, insurance, media, communications, business services, niche	312.828.8021	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.civc.com">www.civc.com</a>
<a href="#">Code, Hennessy &amp; Simmons, Inc.</a>	VC	Buyouts	equity	2,500-30,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	manufacturing and wholesale	312.876.1840	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.chsonline.com">www.chsonline.com</a>
<a href="#">The Edgewater Funds</a>	VC	first stage and later	equity	2,000-20,000	1st stage and later	diversified	312.649.5666	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.edgewaterfunds.com">www.edgewaterfunds.com</a>
<a href="#">Essex Woodlands Health Ventures</a>	VC	Seed - 2nd stage	equity	2,000-10,000		medicine, biotech, pharma	312.444.6040	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.essexwoodlands.com">www.essexwoodlands.com</a>
<a href="#">First Analysis Corp</a>	VC	1st and 2nd stage	equity	500-5,000		diversified	312.258.1400	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.facvc.com">www.facvc.com</a>
<a href="#">Frontenac Company</a>	VC	1st and later	equity	10,000-30,000		diversified	312.368.0044	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.frontenac.com">www.frontenac.com</a>
GKH Partners	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	?	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	diversified	312.750.8464	Chicago, IL	
<a href="#">Glencoe Capital</a>	VC	Investment, buyouts, acquisitions	equity	15,000-25,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	diversified	312.795.6300	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.glencap.com">www.glencap.com</a>

<a href="#">Gryffindor Capital Partners</a>	VC	seed and later	equity	?		technology	312.827.2281	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.gryffindorcapital.com">www.gryffindorcapital.com</a>
<a href="#">GTCR Golder Rauner</a>	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	5,000-70,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	diversified	312.382.2200	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.gtcr.com">www.gtcr.com</a>
<a href="#">Hopewell Ventures</a>	VC		equity	\$1-5M	Midwest technology	technology, manufacturing, products	309.637.1590	Chicago & Peoria, IL	<a href="http://www.hopewellventures.com">www.hopewellventures.com</a>
<a href="#">IEG Venture Management</a>	VC	Early stage	equity	200-500	mostly high-tech	technology-related	312.644.0890	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.iegventure.com">www.iegventure.com</a>
<a href="#">Illini Entrepreneurship Center Network</a>		Very early	Grants	up to \$5,000 matching	mostly high-tech		217.244.8933	Champaign, IL	<a href="http://www.illini-ecn.org">www.illini-ecn.org</a>
<a href="#">Illinois Business Portal (lists links to Fed and State grants and other info)</a>	State and Federal	All	Grants	varies	grants are often industry or product-specific; time deadlines	varies		Springfield, IL	<a href="http://business.illinois.gov/assistance.cfm">business.illinois.gov/assistance.cfm</a>

<a href="#">Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)</a>	State and Federal	All	Loans and Incentives	10-750	Illinois-only; many different kinds of grants and programs, including technology challenge grants and VentureTech funds.	all	217.782.3891	Springfield, IL	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.il.us">www.commerce.state.il.us</a>
<a href="#">Illinois Partners</a>	VC	R&D and later	equity		high tech	high tech	312.953.3507	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.illinoispartners.com">www.illinoispartners.com</a>
<a href="#">Illinois Technology Development Alliance (ITDA)</a>	State and Federal	All	varies	varies	This site provides links to service providers, VCs, and important information for raising funds.	Technology mostly			<a href="http://www.illinoistechnology.com">www.illinoistechnology.com</a>
<a href="#">IllinoisVentures</a>	VC	R&D and later	equity		high tech	IT, software, life sciences, physical sciences, basic engineering	217.239.1950	Champaign, IL	<a href="http://www.illinoisventures.com">www.illinoisventures.com</a>

<a href="#">InDecatur Ventures</a>	VC	Early stage	equity	average \$400K	prefers Decatur and Macon County businesses				<a href="http://www.indecaturventuresllc.com">www.indecaturventuresllc.com</a>
<a href="#">JKB Capital</a>	VC	Seed and later	equity	1,000-8,000	mostly high-tech	telecom, software, IT, other tech	312.946.1200	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.jkbcapital.com">www.jkbcapital.com</a>
<a href="#">KB Partners</a>	VC	Early stage	equity		technology	technology	847-714-0444	Northbrook, IL	<a href="http://www.kbpartners.com">www.kbpartners.com</a>
<a href="#">LaSalle Capital Group, Inc.</a>	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	250-3,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	distribution and manufacturing, others	312.236.7041	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.lasallecapitalgroup.com">www.lasallecapitalgroup.com</a>
<a href="#">Mesirow Private Equity Investments</a>	VC	2nd stage and later	equity	2,000-10,000		diversified	312.595.6099	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.mesirow.com">www.mesirow.com</a>
<a href="#">Midwest Mezzanine Funds</a>	VC	mezz, acquisitions, and buyouts	equity, debt	3,000-9,000	mezz and later--esp. buyouts and recaps	diversified	312.855.7140	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.midwestmezzanine.com">www.midwestmezzanine.com</a>

NationVest Capital, LLC	Investment Banking	All	varies	3,000-100,000	Fee-based intermediary ; excellent resource for obtaining and negotiating funding, licensing partners and helping with M&A activities.	diversified	217.356.8363	Champaign, IL	
<a href="#">Open Prairie Ventures</a>	VC	R&D, Seed	Equity	100-2,000		high technology	217.351.7000	Champaign, IL	<a href="http://www.openprairie.com">www.openprairie.com</a>
<a href="#">Origin Ventures</a>	VC	seed, start-up	equity	ca. 500	Midwest/Chicago-preferred	eCommerce (front-end)	312.644.6449	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.originventures.com">www.originventures.com</a>
<a href="#">Polestar Capital</a>	VC	Start-ups and later	equity, debt	250-5,000	ownership should be by minority entrepreneurs	diversified	312.984.9090	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.polestarvc.com">www.polestarvc.com</a>
<a href="#">Portage Venture Partners</a>	VC	Seed and later	equity	?		mostly tech, life sciences	847.446.9460	Northfield, IL	<a href="http://www.portageventures.com">www.portageventures.com</a>
<a href="#">PPM America</a>	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	2,500-20,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	diversified	312.634.2500	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.ppmamerica.com">www.ppmamerica.com</a>



<a href="#">Prairie Angels</a>	angels	Seed & early stage	equity		midwest companies	goal is to provide first round funding and find matching investments	773.837.8250	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.prairieangels.org">www.prairieangels.org</a>
<a href="#">Prairie Capital</a>	VC	mezz, acquisitions, and buyouts	equity, debt	\$5-\$15M	mezz and later--esp. buyouts and recaps	diversified	312.360.1193	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.prairie-capital.com">www.prairie-capital.com</a>
<a href="#">Prism Capital</a>	VC	1st and 2nd stage	equity	1,000-5,000		computer services and software, education, manufacturing, materials	312.715.4525	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.prismfund.com">www.prismfund.com</a>
<a href="#">Prospect Partners</a>	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	1,000-15,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	services, manufacturing, distribution	312.782.7400	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.prospect-partners.com">www.prospect-partners.com</a>
<a href="#">Ravenswood Capital</a>	VC	start-up-2nd stage	equity	1,000-5,000		services, education	312.443.5243	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.ravenswoodcapital.com">www.ravenswoodcapital.com</a>

<a href="#">SB Partners</a>	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	1,000-3,000	>5MM revenues required	financial, business and consumer services, manufacturing, distribution	312.986.8620	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.sbpartners.com">www.sbpartners.com</a>
<a href="#">Small Business Innovation Research</a>	State and Federal	R&D, Seed	grants	varies	for small tech companies and individuals	technology			<a href="http://grants.gov">grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Springboard Enterprises</a>	All	Provides access to capital			Organization to support women in entrepreneurship and help them find funding		202-242-6282	Washington, DC	<a href="http://www.springboardenterprises.org">www.springboardenterprises.org</a>
<a href="#">Sprout Group (Chicago Branch)</a>	VC	start-up and later	equity	5,000-50,000		IT, telecom, education, healthcare, ecommerce	312.345.8275	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.sproutgroup.com">www.sproutgroup.com</a>
Tangram Partners	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	10,000-30,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	niche manufacturing and industrial service	312.441.2300	Chicago, IL	

<a href="#">The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance</a>	State and Federal	All	Grants	varies	This is a big site of links to federal grant programs in many different departments	science & technology and many others			<a href="http://www.cfda.gov">www.cfda.gov</a>
<a href="#">Thoma Cressey Equity Partners</a>	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	10,000-50,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	diversified	312.777.4444	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.thomacressey.com">www.thomacressey.com</a>
<a href="#">William Blair Capital Partners</a>	VC	1st stage and later	equity	5,000-20,000		specialty retailing, telco, medical services, consumer products, electronics, etc.		Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.wmblair.com">www.wmblair.com</a>
<a href="#">William Blair Mezzanine Capital Partners</a>	VC	mezzanine, acquisition, buyout, recap	equity, debt	7,000 - 20,000	mezz and later--esp. likes buyouts, company must be profitable	many	312.364.8787	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.wmblair.com">www.wmblair.com</a>
<a href="#">Willis Stein &amp; Partners</a>	VC	Buyouts, acquisitions	equity	5,000-150,000	buyouts and acquisitions mostly	diversified	312.422.2400	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.willisstein.com">www.willisstein.com</a>

<a href="#">Wind Point Partners (Chicago branch)</a>	VC	start-up and later	equity	5,000- 20,000		diversified	248.945.7200	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.wppartners.com">www.wppartners.com</a>
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