



2025 *Impact Report*

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Sprocket By the Numbers

2025

Investment into Startups:

\$ 1.2M

Event Attendees:

1000+

Coaching Sessions:

380

Jobs:

13

Companies Started:

17

Since **2021**

Investment into Startups:

\$ 4.9M

Event Attendees:

3000+

Coaching Sessions:

1000+

Jobs:

104

Companies Started:

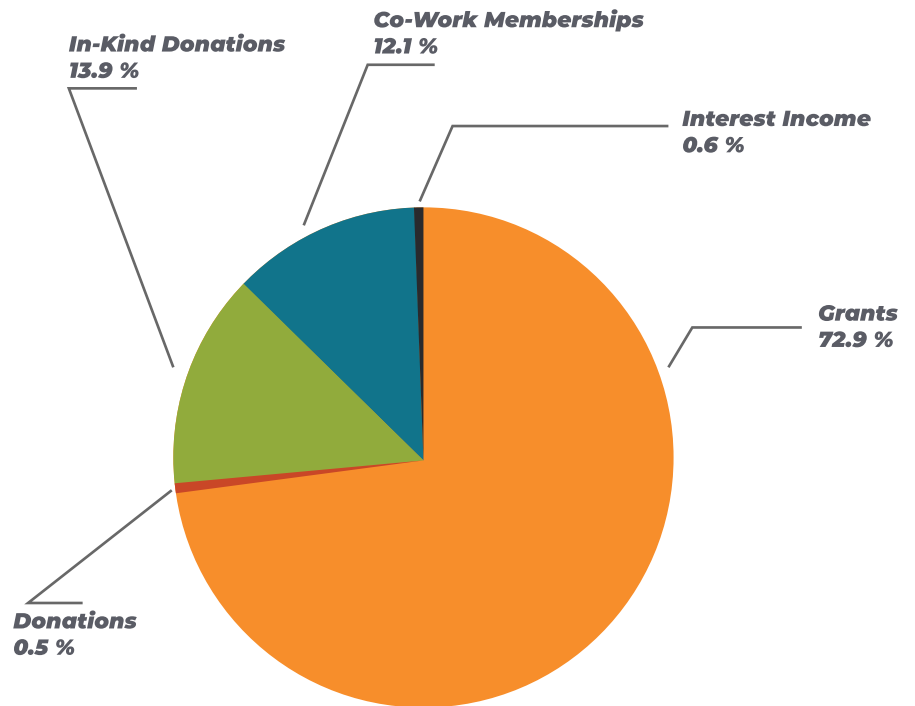
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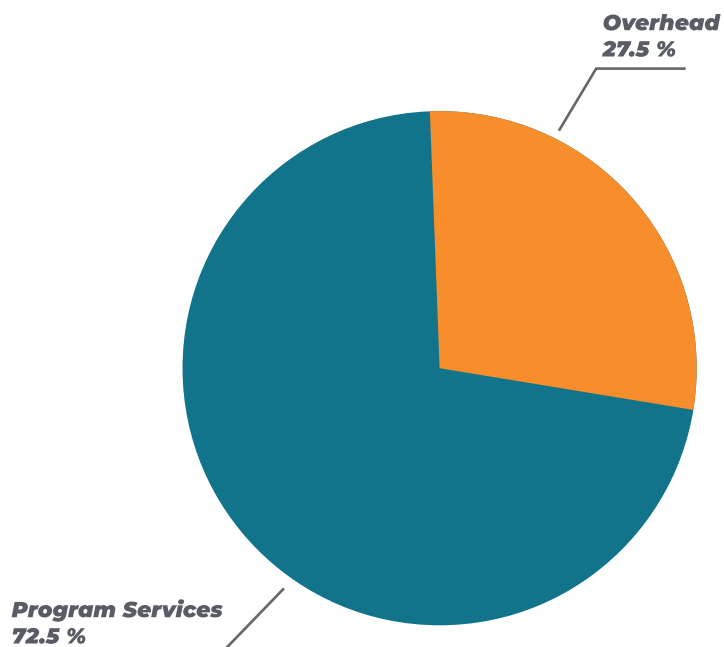
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Sources of Income:



Expenditures:



Sprocket Coffee Hour

Sprocket's Entrepreneur Support Coffee Hour
with **Amie Tooley** of **Connective Consulting**.
People are not problems, they are patterns.

Entrepreneur Support Coffee Hour exists to provide entrepreneurs with a supportive community — a space where entrepreneurs with an idea, founders, and mentors show up for each other.

We connect people, encourage collaboration, and provide education to help entrepreneurs build faster and stronger.



Coffee Hours Hosted:

49

Participants:

750+

Co-Work Space Freelancers & Small Business

This year, Sprocket became a professional springboard. Startups like Wiser 360 and Liberty Pest (which grew from 1 to 10+ employees in a year) exemplify the kind of rapid growth we're proud to support. We supported freelancers to remote workers to companies like General Matter seeking a soft landing space.

Offices Filled:

20

Members:

117





Event Highlights 2025



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33
Mentors

25
Courses

**+ SprocketWKY
Discussion Forum**

*"We're not trying to land one employer with 200 jobs. **We're building 200 entrepreneurs who each create 5 to 10 jobs.** That's how you build a resilient local economy."*

*– Ines Rivas-Hutchins
Board Chair*



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Investment





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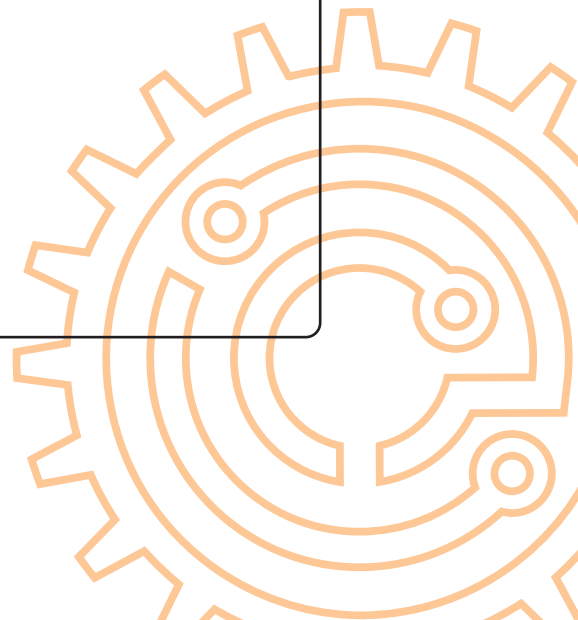
Todd Farmer
Farmer & Wright
Attorneys



Michael Ramage
MSU Cyber Center



Jantien Shizuru
General Matter





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Coming in 2026

New Initiatives:

Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition (ETA)

“Where entrepreneurs acquire an existing company instead of starting a new venture.”

In Kentucky:

*Business Owners
Retiring in
Next 10 Years:*

190K

*Businesses with
No Transition
Plan:*

79%

*Number of ETA
Search Fund
Deals in KY
in 2024:*

1

“ETA creates immediate jobs and preserves local businesses, keeping capital, talent, and institutional knowledge in Kentucky, especially in smaller communities where a single closure can be devastating.”

– Dave Knox
Blue North Hub Director

Grant Proposals:

NSF Grant

NSF ART (Track 1) Cross-Institution Commercialization Lab- Build a commercialization infrastructure across local universities, focused on early-stage IP readiness for market.

EDA Grant

EDA Build to Scale Closed-Loop Commercialization & Capital Activation- Expand Market Fit Lab into a full commercialization-to-capital pipeline targeting nationally critical sectors (AI, energy, logistics, cyber).

KNEDA Grant

KY State Grant (KNEDA) Advanced Nuclear & Energy Readiness Clearinghouse- Stand up a statewide readiness platform to prepare KY suppliers and regions to support advanced nuclear and energy projects.

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