

# **COMMUNITY IDEATION FUND**

Elevate Ventures' Community Ideation Fund enables ideation-stage high-potential companies to move closer to a specific, measurable technology or product development milestone through an investment up to \$20,000 per company. Eligible applicants are Indiana-based companies headquartered in communities/counties under partnership with Elevate Ventures. Partnerships listed below.











#### COUNTIES WITHIN PARTNERSHIPS

- Adams
- Allen
- Bartholomew
- Brown
- Clark
- DeKalb
- Dubois
- Elkhart
- Floyd
- Gibson
- Huntington
- Kosciusko
- LaGrange
- Marshall
- Monroe
- Noble
- PikePosey
- St. Joseph
- Steuben
- Vanderburgh
- Wabash
- Warrick
- Wells
- Whitley



### **INVESTMENT TARGETS**



**STAGE** Ideation-stage companies with no more than \$50,000 in trailing revenue over the past 12-month period.



**TEAM** Strong team with complementary skills or prior startup venture experience, demonstrated coachability and commitment to high-growth ventures.



**MARKET** Addressable market size over \$500 million; clear understanding of the competitive environment; and desired competitive advantages.



**PRODUCT** Well-articulated problem and proposed solution; clear product development roadmap.



**CUSTOMER** Identified target customers and go-tomarket strategies, supported with customer discovery or customer validation work and development of goto-market strategies.

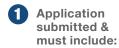


**RETURN/MILESTONES** Clearly-identified and specific use of funds to support achievement of meaningful milestones.



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## **PROCESS**



- Company Pitch Deck (follow exactly Elevate's template)
- Indiana Business Registration
- Capitalization Table
- 2 Vetting by an Entrepreneurin-Residence
- **3** Presentation to Regional Committee
- 4 Elevate Ventures Final Review
- 5 Closing
- 6 Quarterly Reporting

# ESTIMATED TIMFLINE

6-10 weeks from initial deck submission to closing.

The timeline may be substantially extended if the deck needs to go through multiple rounds of revisions.