

VC: Driving Innovation in Nebraska

227

Startups received
venture funding
(2020-2024)

\$1.6B

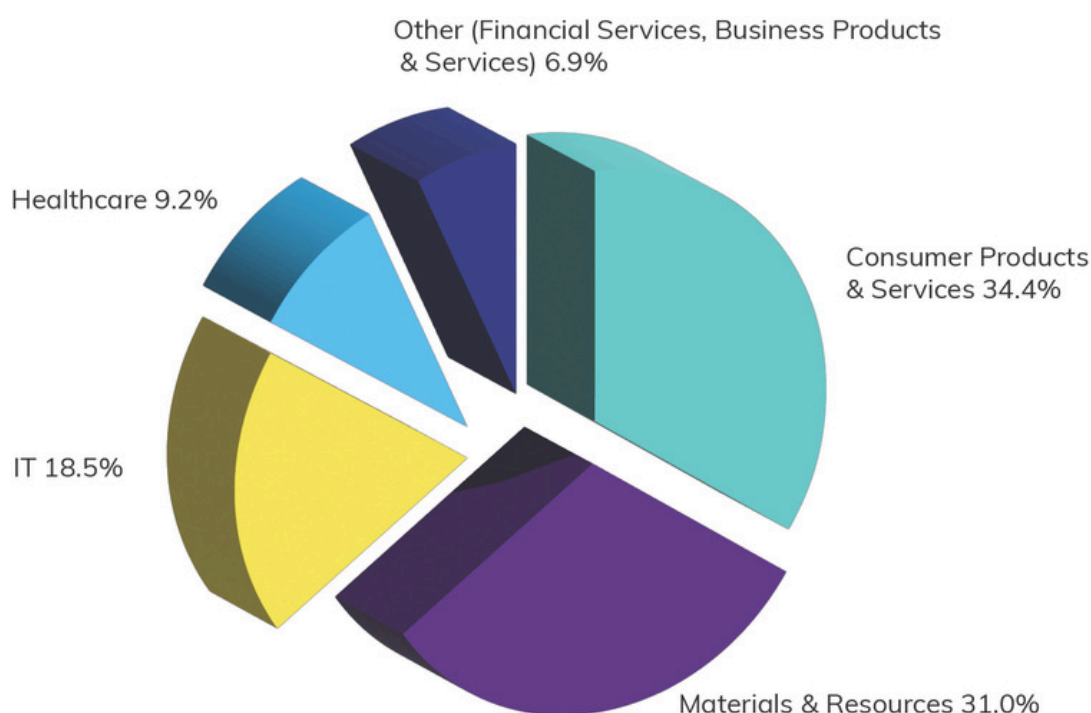
In VC investment
in startups
(2020-2024)

13.9K

People employed
by VC backed
startups in 2022

A broad range of Nebraska-based pension funds, university endowments, and nonprofits invest in and benefit from venture. This includes the University of Nebraska Foundation and the Nebraska Investment Council, which manages five defined benefit pension plans and six other retirement plans for the state.

2024 VC Investment by Sector in NE



2024 Pitchbook Data

VCs Funding NE Startups Include:



Headquartered in Omaha, Dundee Venture Capital invests in startups focusing on commerce, FinTech, and supply chain technology. Dundee invests in companies that are built outside the traditional tech hubs and believes that "great companies can be built anywhere, and investors need to meet entrepreneurs where they are."

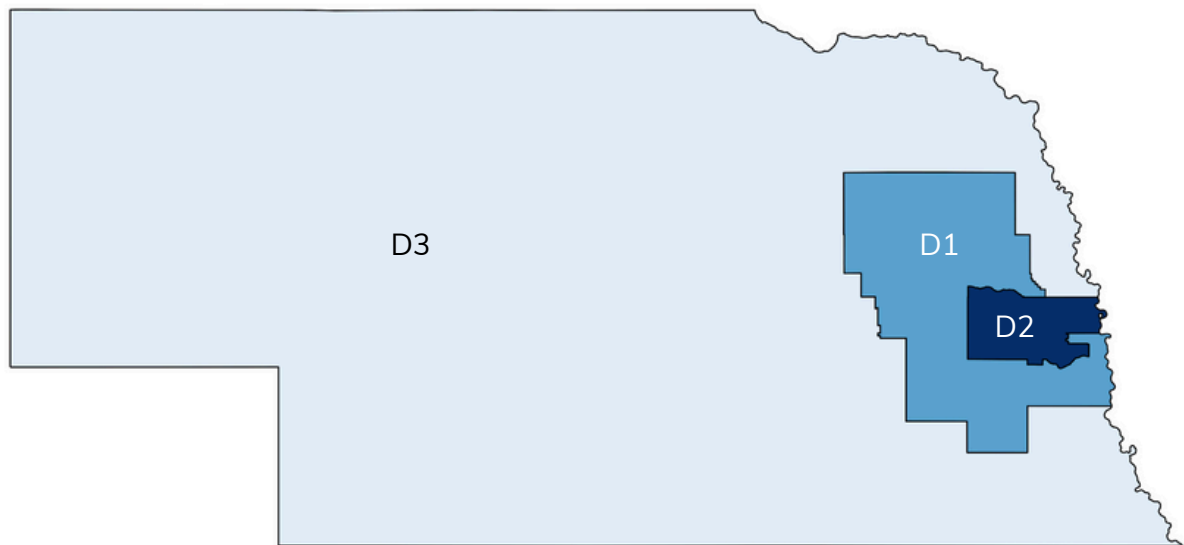


Grit Road Partners of Omaha invests across AgTech to support innovators creating solutions to real-world problems. The firm seeks companies driving innovation, working to redefine the agriculture industry across the Midwest. Grit Road delivers a deep network of founders, farmers, and mentors to serve as advisors to its startups.



MOVE Venture Capital's mission is "to support and accelerate the next generation of founders in the Midwest," with the majority of its portfolio invested in the state of Nebraska. Omaha-based MOVE invests in software and technology startups across industries such as AgTech, health care, and supply chain logistics.

2024 State Funding Breakdown



Investment by District

CD-01 (\$24.97M)
CD-02 (\$35.70M)
CD-03 (\$6.78M)

2024 Pitchbook Data

VC Investment Helps NE's Startups Thrive:



Everything from clothing to plastics use chemicals derived from petroleum. Headquartered in Omaha, Bluestem Biosciences is creating an alternative process by manufacturing chemicals from microorganisms rather than oil. The result is a reduction in carbon emissions, the creation of a new chemical supply chain based in the U.S., and an acceleration of new bio-based chemical markets that will boost the Midwest's agricultural communities.



There are over 450,000 farms with grain bins across America used to store harvested grains, but they are dangerous places for farmers to work. To reduce the risk of farmers falling, becoming trapped, or developing Farmer's Lung disease, the Omaha-based founders of Grain Weevil developed a robot that can unload, level, and break up surfaces in grain bins to improve long-term storage quality and ultimately protect farmers.



Vehicles on land, air and sea are all targets for cyber-attacks. Founded by a Marine Corps cyber warfare veteran, Fleet Defender is an Omaha-based cybersecurity company specializing in monitoring and protecting vehicles of all types. The company's software and hardware monitors, detects, and alerts customers to cyber-attacks and other safety issues, such as imminent maintenance or operating issues.