Resources for Inventors

Minnesota

• **Co.Starters** is a 10-week program that equips entrepreneurs of all kinds with the insights, relationships, and tools needed to turn ideas into action. [https://www.costartersmn.com/](https://www.costartersmn.com/)

• **DEED** Minnesota Dept of Employment and Economic Development has many different types of assistance for small businesses. [https://mn.gov/deed/business/](https://mn.gov/deed/business/)

• **Forge North** a place for finding the resources helping to start, scale and sustain ventures. [forgenorth.com/calendar](http://forgenorth.com/calendar)

• **Hennepin County Library** is a USPTO designated Patent and Trademark Resource Center. They host programs on patent searching the first Wednesday of every month and have two resource librarians that are happy to help get anyone started prior art searching. Events are posted on their website. [https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=patents](https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=patents)

• **Inventor’s Network** is an inventor club that meets monthly in Hopkins. It is a room full of folks who have pursued ideas in various stages of development. If you don’t know how to do something, someone in the room has probably been there and done that with advice to share. [Inventorsnetwork.org](http://Inventorsnetwork.org)

• **LegalCORPS** transactional business legal assistance. See our website for Small Business: [http://legalcorps.org/small-businesses/eligibility](http://legalcorps.org/small-businesses/eligibility).

• **Minnesota Initiative Foundations** is a McKnight Foundation economic recovery plan for rural Minnesota. There are six foundations throughout Minnesota to serve its region with unique grants, business loans and leadership programs. [https://www.greaterminnesota.net/](https://www.greaterminnesota.net/)

• **SCORE** provides business executives as mentors for startups and small businesses along with classes and networking opportunities. Find your local chapter at [SCORE.org](http://SCORE.org).

• **Small Business Development Centers** provide professional expertise and guidance including consulting, capital access, and training. This link can locate the closest SBDC: [https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find/?type=Small%20Business%20Development%20Center&pageNumber=1](https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find/?type=Small%20Business%20Development%20Center&pageNumber=1)

• **Women Venture** helps train entrepreneurs, advise businesses, provide loans, and create jobs. [womenventure.org/](http://womenventure.org/)