

about Golden Seeds

Golden Seeds is dedicated to pursuing investment returns through the empowerment of women entrepreneurs and their investors. The group was founded in 2005 and is headquartered in New York City, with active chapters in Arizona, Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, New Jersey, New York and Silicon Valley - and members throughout the US.

founded to identify and fund women-led companies

Golden Seeds has become a leading force in focusing on women's leadership, gender diversity, entrepreneurship and job creation.

In 2004, women entrepreneurs represented 30% percent of the entrepreneurs in the country, but they led fewer than 3% of the start-up companies that received capital. At that time, women were not actively participating as investors in start-up companies; only 5% of angel investors were women.

The founders of Golden Seeds mobilized to create an environment in which:

- Women-led companies are seriously considered for venture funding,
- Gender diversity, which produces better financial results, is enabled,
- Women are active investors in the start-up sector,
- Women entrepreneurs and investors participate in wealth creation; and
- The economy would benefit in multiple respects from these vibrant activities.

hundreds of Golden Seeds members level the playing field

The progress has been substantial. In 2022, women-led companies were 31% of all angel-funded companies, and women investors represented 40% of all angel investors.

Golden Seeds' angel network has become one of the largest in the country, currently with nearly 300 members nationwide. Many of these women and men (15% of our members are men) have succeeded at the highest levels of business, law, medicine and academia. They bring experience, skills, networks, stature and capital to propel the economy through Golden Seeds investments. They are active participants in screening companies, conducting due diligence and mentoring entrepreneurs.

In addition to the investments of individual investors, Golden Seeds has a unique and symbiotic relationship with three venture funds with committed capital of \$48 million. These funds provide further capital in support of the Golden Seeds mission.

Since 2005, thousands of companies have applied to Golden Seeds for funding. All companies are evaluated, many proceed through due diligence and receive extensive guidance from Golden Seeds investors. In total, Golden Seeds has invested over \$179 million in 245 companies. The firm and its members have provided important leadership in this investment sector.