

# THE ECOSYSTEM

## OF THE SBA'S *GROWTH ACCELERATOR FUND*

In May 2014, The U.S. Small Business Administration launched a competition designed to award select accelerator and incubator models funding for their operating budgets. The aim is for these winners to fill gaps in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.



**832** Accelerators submitted applications from every state except Alaska (plus DC and Puerto Rico).

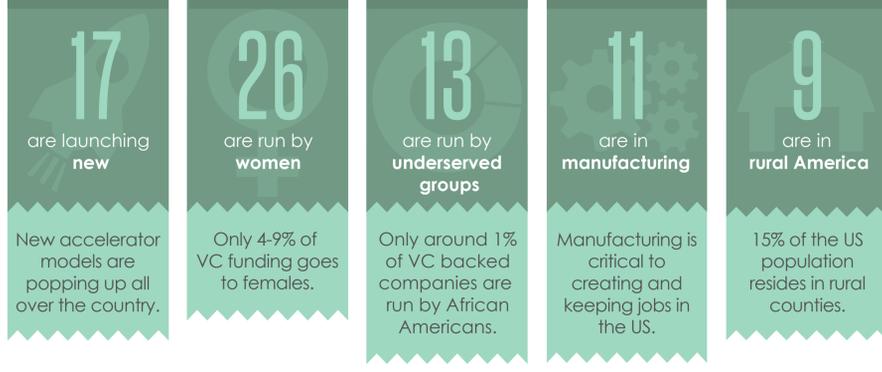


**100** Finalists were whittled down by a panel of experts. All finalists submitted a five minute pitch video.



**50** winners were selected by the judges in September.

### OF THE 100 FINALISTS:



### OF THE 50 WINNERS:

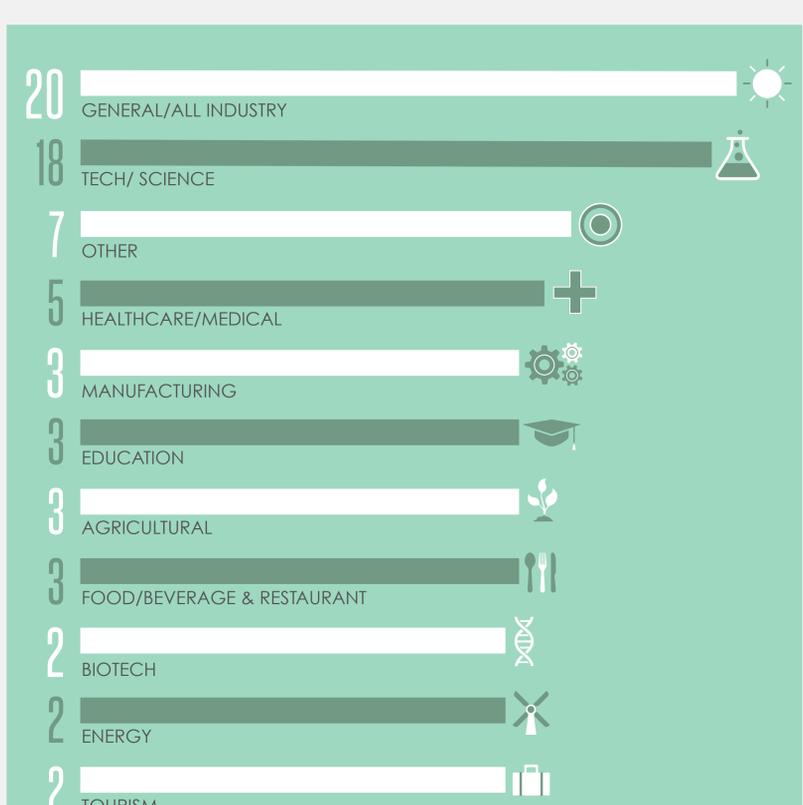
#### 7 ARE IN RURAL AMERICA



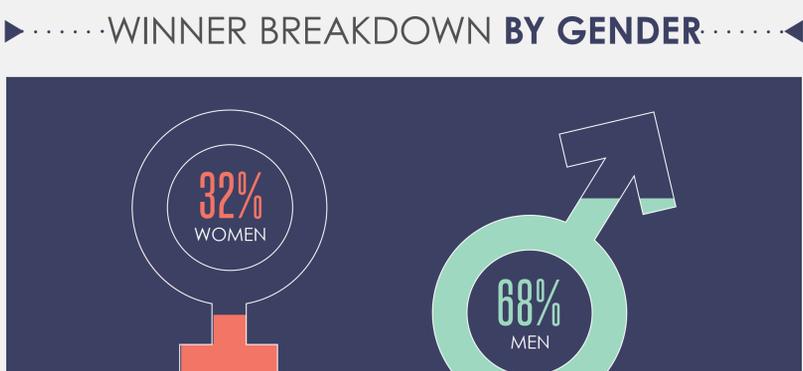
#### 9 ARE LAUNCHING NEW



#### WINNER BREAKDOWN BY INDUSTRY



#### WINNER BREAKDOWN BY GENDER



#### WINNER BREAKDOWN BY UNDERSERVED GROUPS



#### WINNER BREAKDOWN BY LOCATION



#### REQUIRED METRICS TO BE REPORTED AT THE 3, 6, 9 AND 12 MONTH MARK

- Jobs created
- Funds raised or dollars invested
- Startups launched
- Progress of startups towards graduation
- New startups in queue
- Qualitative impact on community
- Loans acquired
- Corporate Partnerships obtained

THE WINNERS RECEIVED  
**\$50,000**

From The Small Business Administration to fund their operating budgets.