

# KAPOR CENTER



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## 2024: A YEAR OF IMPACT

The mission of the Kapor Center family of organizations—Kapor Capital, Kapor Foundation, Kapor Center Investments, and SMASH—to create a more equitable and inclusive tech ecosystem has never been more critical. In a year shaped by a polarized political landscape, rising inequality and economic uncertainty, and the acceleration of advances in technology, our organizations stood firm in our commitment to advancing racial and economic justice in the technology sector.

Through our investments in gap-closing startups and VC firms, tech education and training programs, K-12 and postsecondary institutions, and policy and civic engagement organizations, we have worked to transform the tech sector. We are grateful for the deep collaboration with our extraordinary partners—grantees, investors, entrepreneurs, educators, and scholars—and are inspired by both their impact and their resolve to address the challenges that lie ahead.

A photograph of the exterior of the Kapor Center building, a modern brick structure with large windows and a vertical sign that reads 'KAPOR CENTER'.

### \$7.3M

Deployed across 17 Kapor Capital portfolio companies.

### \$6.3M

Kapor Foundation distributed \$6.3M in grants to expand CS/AI education, support research, and advance equitable tech policy and \$1.4M in investments in mission-aligned VC firms.

### \$4.5M

Kapor Center Investments deployed \$4.5M to mission-aligned start-ups and investment firms.

### 800

Over 800 youth exposed to CS programs through SMASH virtual and in-person open innovation labs.



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Throughout 2024, Kapor Capital has remained committed to investing in early-stage tech startups that close gaps of access for low-income communities and communities of color, bringing better access to healthcare, education, opportunities for upskilling, financial wealth building, and more. Learn more at [kaporcapital.com](https://kaporcapital.com).



## \$7.3M

Deployed across 17 Kapor Capital portfolio companies.

## 7

Seven new investments entered the Kapor Capital portfolio.

## 71%

Of the recipients of capital deployed in 2024 are companies with at least one underrepresented founder and/or one woman founder.

## 15

Curated events by our Platform team, fostering a dynamic ecosystem for innovation, collaboration, and growth for Kapor Capital founders.

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Kapor Capital Managing Partner Brian Dixon Makes AfroTech Future 50

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The Kapor Foundation continued its work to create a more equitable technology ecosystem that addresses longstanding racial inequality, creates economic opportunity, tackles critical societal issues, and reflects the power and perspectives of Black, Latine, and Native communities. Learn more at [kaporfoundation.org](https://kaporfoundation.org).



**\$6.3M**

Grants distributed to expand CS/AI education, support research, and advance equitable tech policy.

**\$1.4M**

Deployed to mission-aligned start-ups and investment firms.

**16**

Grants awarded to educators implementing Responsible AI in schools/districts and 45 grants awarded to classroom teachers.

**14**

Fellows funded to advance research and journalism at the intersection of racial equity and tech

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SMASH has continued its 20+ year commitment to its innovative and impactful programming, which aims to cultivate a diverse pipeline of CS/STEM talent and ensure that students have opportunities to deepen their talents and pursue CS careers. Learn more at [smash.org](https://smash.org).



**800+**

Youth exposed to CS content and careers through SMASH virtual and in-person programs.

**98%**

SMASH scholars mastered computer science technical skills by the end of SMASH Academy.

**86%**

Of SMASH scholars scholars met a computer science professional during the program that have helped shape their future career interests and/or navigate their paths.

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# KAPOR CENTER INVESTMENTS

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Throughout 2024, Kapor Center Investments executed a variety of strategies to build the field of “gap-closing” investing, ensuring that the power of investing can be harnessed to create positive social impact and outcomes for all.



**\$4.5M**

Capital deployed by Kapor Center Investments to mission-aligned gap-closing funds.

**1,400+**

Underlying portfolio companies using technology to close gaps of access.

**33**

Core mission-aligned gap closing fund families.

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