Startup Funding Tracker

Week of November 2 to November 8, 2026

Defence and space hardware took the biggest cheques this week, with Shield AI at $2 billion and Zipline at $1.5 billion leading a run of billion-scale rounds. AI infrastructure stayed hot too, with fal raising $1.3 billion at a $16 billion valuation and Applied Compute taking $350 million. The pattern under the headlines was physical: investors paid up for machines that fly, drive and orbit, while biotech and insurance AI filled out the middle of the table. Twenty notable rounds below.

1. Shield AI - $2B

Series H | Lead: Disruptive and Innovation X Capital | Defence technology / autonomy

2. Zipline - $1.5B

Undisclosed | Lead: Paradigm, WCM Investment Management, Layer Global | Drone delivery

3. fal - $1.3B ($16B valuation)

Series F | Lead: Bessemer Venture Partners | AI infrastructure / generative media

4. CesiumAstro - $730M

Series D | Lead: Janus Henderson | Space technology / communications

5. Nooks - $500M

Growth | Lead: Undisclosed | AI sales technology

6. Northwood Space - $375M

Series C | Lead: Andreessen Horowitz, DFJ Growth | Space technology / ground infrastructure

7. Applied Compute - $350M

Undisclosed | Lead: Elad Gil | AI infrastructure / cloud compute

8. Harbinger - $240M

Series D | Lead: Tiger Global, Capricorn Investment Group, Ridgeline | Electric trucks / energy

9. aSand.ai - $200M

Series A | Lead: CoStone Capital | AI / generative video

10. Laza Medical - $160M

Series B | Lead: GE HealthCare | Medtech / robotic imaging

11. Sentra - $150M

Strategic investment | Lead: Capital One Ventures | AI data security

12. T-Therapeutics - $133M

Series B | Lead: Advent Life Sciences, British Business Bank | Biotech / T cell therapies

13. Traversal - $120M

Series B | Lead: Kleiner Perkins, Redpoint, Khosla Ventures | Agentic AI / site reliability

14. Hypersonica - EUR 100M

Series B | Lead: Lightspeed, General Catalyst | Defence technology

15. Ocient - $100M

Series C | Lead: BOKA Capital, OCA Ventures | Data analytics / agentic AI

16. Hoxton Wealth - £100.7M

Strategic minority investment | Lead: Aspirity Partners I | Wealth management / fintech

17. Alethio Therapeutics - $90M

Series A | Lead: Sofinnova Partners, RA Capital | Biotech / blood cancer therapies

18. Kalepa - $75M

Series B | Lead: Updata Partners | Insurtech / insurance AI

19. Tutor Intelligence - $75M

Series B | Lead: Andreessen Horowitz | Robotics / robot foundation models

20. Humble Robotics - $51M

Series A | Lead: Obvious Ventures | Autonomous trucking

Every round verified against the publication that reported it. Amounts shown exactly as reported. Full table with source links at ceomedium.com/startup-funding-tracker/

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