

Weekly news & updates

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The **Bronx Business Tech Incubator (BBTI)** along with the **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** at Lehman College work intensely to support businesses in the county of the Bronx especially during unpredictable situations such as the one we are going through with COVID-19.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share with you information about free events that will help your business as well as resources about funding and more! **Check them out!**

Small Business Development Center - Bronx

For over 30 years we have serviced all types of small businesses in New York and have achieved goals and impacted thousands of lives. Whether it is a business that is just starting or a business that is ready to expand, we are ready to help. [More Information on our website](#)



Upcoming Events

New York's SBDC provides business training to startups, entrepreneurs and small business owners across New York State. [Check out here](#) what is happening in the Bronx!

The **New York Women in Business (NYWIB)** is pleased to announce a special, first time ever giveaway of business services. **Start 2022 Strong Giveaway. No purchase necessary and ends December 31, 2021** [Register NOW](#)

Business Outreach Center (BOC) Network Bronx Women's Business Center (WBC) is offering several FREE workshops. See below:

1. How to Become Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Certification - Online Workshop.
Thursday, 12/16 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
[Register Here](#)

*** Online link will be sent to participants 24-hours prior to the event.

Information About Funding

Federal and State Programs

The **New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program** provides grants to New York small businesses, micro-businesses and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations. Grants must be used for Covid-19 related expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021. **Applications due by January 2022.**

The **New York Forward Loan Fund** offers low-interest loans to NY businesses with 50 or fewer employees

For restaurants, the state offers **Restaurant Resiliency Program grants** for restaurants that choose to provide meals and food to people within distressed or under-represented communities.

There is also a **Restaurant Return-to-Work Tax Credit** to help bring restaurant staff back-to-work, and to increase hiring at NYS restaurants.

General Funding

SBA loans: many lenders are re-energizing traditional loan programs, including microloans, 7A (typical business loans) and 504 loans (for property and equipment).

Brooklyn Alliance Capital is offering grants for purchase of PPE and zero-interest **Bring Back Brooklyn Loans** of up to \$10,000.

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has

Other Resources

New!

We are so proud to introduce **Verizon Small Business Digital Ready** - a free online curriculum designed to give small businesses like yours the personalized tools to succeed in today's digital world. Learning modules, expert coaching, peer networking and more. **Register now** for our free online curriculum and move your business forward.

Small Business Saturday

If you just started a business, you might be looking for ways to get your name out in your community. Why not do that on a national shopping day devoted to small businesses—aka Small Business Saturday (SBS)? **More information**

PPP Forgiveness

Borrowers may be eligible for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness. Links to forms, FAQs, instructions on documentation and other information are available at the **SBA's PPP Website**

created the **Bring Back Brooklyn Fund Loan and Grant Program**

The **New Bronx Chamber of Commerce** is here for you. We're working hard to get our business owners resources and information as it becomes available. Are you a Bronx business interested in applying for a relief program? We can help! **Click here for a lot more information.**

WomensNet Amber Grant

WomensNet gives away at least \$10,000 every month in Amber Grant money. They've now added an Annual \$25,000 Amber Grant as well as marketing and \$2000 mini grants. **See the full list here.**

Introducing the NYC Small Business Resource Network

Are you a small business? **We are here to help you.**

Legal resources for small businesses

There are a range of resources available to New York City small businesses:

- **New York City Bar Association**
- **Moderate Means program**
- **Legal Referral Service**
- **Pro Bono Partnership**

NY State and City Programs

New York's **Shared Work Program** lets companies keep trained staff and avoid layoffs. Employees can receive partial Unemployment Insurance benefits while working reduced hours. Full-time, part-time and seasonal employees are eligible.

New Resources, Webinars and Good News from the *Bronx Cooperative Development Initiative* - **Check updates here**

Small Business Resilience Training by **SCORE - Industry Resources**

Check NYC/EDC and **COVID-19 Business Relief Resources**

Help for the Bronx, COVID-19 has hit the Bronx, hard. But there's help. **Check this out!**

Resources from ***Bronx Community College*** to help the local Bronx community:

- a listing of companies that are hiring right now - **here**
- resources to help individuals and businesses disrupted by COVID-19 - **here**
- free online courses on a range of topics - **here**

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