

# Weekly news & updates

## Bronx Business Tech Incubator

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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!**



### 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!

**BOC Bronx Women's Business Center** is offering a free webinar.

**Tue. Dec. 8 at 2:00pm** - Part II: Debt Management, Restructuring & Bankruptcy Considerations for Small Businesses. [More Info and Registration](#)

**Wed. Dec 9 at 5:30pm** - City M/WBE Certification. [Register Here](#)

**Thu. Dec. 10 at 6:00pm** - Guidance for Tax Season. Tips You Should Know!  
[Register Here](#)

**Sat. Dec. 12 at 3:00pm** - Choosing Your Legal Structure & Protecting Your Assets.

[Register Here](#)

### Crowdfunding

**Kiva** has expanded eligibility, increased the maximum loan size from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and introduced a six-month grace period on its zero-interest crowdfunded loans. **[Support local business during the Coronavirus pandemic!](#)**

### Helpful Information

#### NEW YORK FORWARD SMALL BUSINESS LEASE ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP

Support Services for Small Businesses to Renegotiate their Lease and Avoid Eviction. [Read more!](#)

**Moving New York Forward: Business Reopening** - [Click here for more information](#)

#### Worldwide Veterans and Family

Services Inc. along with other

**Women Entrepreneur - WE NYC** is offering a free workshop. **Mon. Dec 7 at 6:30pm** - Planning for a Profitable Business.

**[Register Here](#)**

Link to other free events with U.S. Small Business Administration - **[click here](#)**

**Boots to Business (B2B)** is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) - Offering webinars in December. Registration and more information **[here](#)**

**FREE Accounting one-on-one's for Small Business Owners.** FREE one-on-one Sessions With a CPA to discuss your Business Needs. Understand the financial & tax impact of EIDL/PPP, financial projections and strategies to create a financially sound business.

**FREE Health and Safety one-on-one's for Small Business Owners.** Best practices for Small Business during COVID - 19. Free one-on-one session with a Health and Safety expert. Discuss the required protocols & necessary steps during these difficult times.

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## Information About Funding

***New Grants!***

***New!*** Governor Cuomo Announces \$18 Million Initiative to Train Workers and Support Entrepreneurs During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

Federal Grant Will Be Used to Fund Educational Opportunities that Train New Yorkers for In-Demand Jobs, Support Entrepreneurs, and Help Small Businesses Recover. **[Read More!](#)**

Important PPP Forgiveness update. **[Read more](#)**

New York Forward Loan Fund for **Educational & Recreational - Commodities**

organizations like God Bless You All call all **Veterans**.

**[Food Pantry in Johnston, RI](#)**

**[Food and Clothes Pantry in Queens, NY](#)**

**[Food and Clothes Pantry in The Bronx, NY](#)**

**[Food Pantry in Manhattan, NY](#)**

**[Veterans Food Distribution at the Bronx VA Medical Center](#)**

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## 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](#)**
- **[Monday Night Law](#)**
- **[Pro Bono Partnership](#)**

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## Other Resources

**Negotiating Your Commercial Lease**

NY's moratorium on commercial evictions is currently due to expire on August 20. Businesses who have not yet discussed renegotiating their lease should begin doing so; those who reached a temporary agreement should consider a longer-term arrangement. **[More Info Here](#)**

**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

## **Communities**

### **New York Forward Loan Fund for Financial - Consulting & Other Services**

The **Zakat Fund** is offering support to 501(c)(3) organizations working to support residents of the NYC metropolitan area.

**Robin Hood** is accepting applications and will only fund 501(c)(3) organizations providing services in New York City.

**Hebrew Free Loan Society Small Business Loan Program** provides interest-free loans of up to \$50,000 to low- and moderate-income residents of New York City's five boroughs, Westchester, or Long Island to help launch or expand a business.

**Freelancers Relief Fund** will offer financial assistance of up to \$1,000 per freelance household to cover lost income and essential expenses not covered by government relief programs.

LISC NYC Launches Fund to Provide Over \$1 Million in Small Business Relief and Recovery Grants to New York City Minority-Owned Small Businesses

**Read More!**

**New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF)** is a new economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE. To apply and learn more, visit **www.nyloanfund.com**.

and seasonal employees are eligible.  
New Resources, Webinars and Good News from the *Bronx Cooperative Development Initiative* - **Check updates here**

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.**

**SCORE's** most updated online resources at **Coronavirus Funding Support for NYC.**

Small Business Resilience Training:  
**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**
- **Ascend NYC website** has launched and businesses can inquire about joining the program.

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