

# 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!***

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### 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!

Join **New York Women in Business** for a free -hour webinar and workshop on **Magic of Tiny Business: Building Businesses with Purpose**.  
**Tue, Sept 14 from 3pm - 6pm - [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 - [see list of classes 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

**Ascend NYC website** has launched and businesses can inquire about joining the program.

### Restaurant Revitalization Fund

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. The SBA is still accepting applications. For more information and how to apply, [click here](#)

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### Other Resources

#### ***New!***

### PPP Forgiveness

**Borrowers may be eligible for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan**

More information. [click here](#)

## Information About Funding

### ***New!***

**NYS Council on the Arts Grants Now Open. It consists of four rounds of grants:**

Round 1: Restart NY: Rapid Live Performance Grants

Round 2: Expanded Access to Funding

Round 3: Organizational and Individual Artist Recovery

Round 4: NYSCA Capital Funding

**[Click here for more information and application](#)**

**Jane Walker by Johnnie Walker** will be funding 15 groundbreaking women-owned businesses through the end of the year. Each recipient will receive a \$10K grant plus a one-year IFundWomen Annual Coaching Membership. **Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis through October 2021.** Business must be owned at least 50% by a self-identified woman, generate a minimum of \$25K in annual revenue and have a product/service in one of the following categories: Entertainment & Film, Music, Journalism, Sports, STEM and Hospitality.

### **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.](#)**

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.](#)**

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has created the **[Bring Back Brooklyn Fund Loan and Grant Program](#)**

### **New York Forward Small Business Lease Assistance Partnership**

Support Services for Small Businesses to Renegotiate their Lease and Avoid Eviction.

**[Read more!](#)**

**forgiveness.** Links to forms, FAQs, instructions on documentation and other information are available at the **[SBA's PPP Website](#)**

## 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](#)**