

# Weekly news & updates

## Bronx Business Tech Incubator

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### Highlights you don't want to miss!

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Lehman College in the Bronx offers ESL classes on a full-time or part-time basis to everyone interested in improving their English skills for personal and professional reasons. Classes are affordable, follow a flexible schedule, and are taught by dynamic instructors in a student-oriented environment. These ESL courses also provide students with opportunities to enter degree programs or pursue other training.

"Thank you for the opportunity to learn English as a Second Language in this program...it will help me go forward in the future!" -Farhana Miah Summer 2023 Intensive English Program Participant.

[Register Now](#)

### Upcoming Free Events and Trainings

*Small Business Development Center - Bronx* is offering a free webinar:

**The Future Of Marketing For Small Business**

Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023 11:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

**Mercadeo en un Mundo Digital**

Thursday, Oct 19, 2023 06:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

**Market Research Essentials for Small Businesses II**

Oct 25, 2023 10:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

*Bronx Chamber of Commerce:*

**October 26, 6pm - 8pm**

**Business to business coalition building**

Join the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and Councilmember Marjorie Velazquez with TD Bank and NYC Department of Small Business Services for an evening of business to business networking and coalition building in the City Island section of Council District 13

[Register Here](#)

*Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce* is offering Business Breakfast Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of every month. [Register Here](#) to be able to join these meetings.

CANNABIS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

# BASIC STEPS TO START A CANNABIS BUSINESS



JOIN US IN PERSON OR TUNE IN VIRTUALLY

**Register Now!**

WWW.NEWYORKCAURDCOALITION.ORG

**TUESDAY OCT 17TH  
5:30PM-8PM**

**2501 GRAND CONCOURSE  
3RD FLOOR**



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## Basic Steps to Start a Cannabis Business in New York State By the New York CAURD Coalition

**When: Tuesday, October 17th, 5:30-8pm**  
**Where: 2501 Grand Concourse, 3rd floor, Bronx**  
**Registration is required**  
[Enroll Now](#)



### LEHMAN COLLEGE - ADULT DEGREE PROGRAM

#### FROM DEGREES.....TO JOBS!

Is It Time For You To Go Back To School?  
Would a Bachelor's or Master's Degree Enhance Your Career?

Visit: [www.lehman.edu/adult](http://www.lehman.edu/adult)

Call: 718-960-8666

Email: [adult.degree@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:adult.degree@lehman.cuny.edu)

[Learn More!](#)

## Job Opportunities

The School of Continuing and Professional Studies at Lehman College has several job openings:

1. Swim Coordinator - [Apply Here](#)
2. Part-Time CNA Instructor - [Apply Here](#)
3. Lead Instructor, IT Certification & Computer Technology - [Apply Here](#)
4. ESL Instructor P/T - [Apply Here](#)

## Funding Opportunities and Other Resources

### 28 grants for Black women

- Grants can help Black female business owners **bridge the funding gap**
- Many grants are tailored to specifically help Black business owners and women business owners overcome **racial biases**
- Grants designed to help minority business owners overcome barriers are currently **facing legal challenges**

### Information About Funding (cont'ed)

#### 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](#)

- Additional resources are available, including minority business loans and small business training programs

[Find out more](#)

### **NY State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI):**

ESD Programs Offer Unprecedented Access to Capital for Loans, Equity and Technical Assistance for Small Businesses.

More than \$500 million in federal funding is now available to support the resurgence of small businesses across New York State through the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), a program through the American Rescue Plan Act. Managed by the U.S. Department of Treasury, SSBCI provides funds to support programs for small businesses, including [socially and economically disadvantaged individual \(SEDI\) owned businesses](#) and very small businesses (VSB). [Read More](#)

### **New \$10 Million Loan Program Aimed at South Bronx Businesses:**

A new \$10 million loan program for Bronx businesses, funded with money left over from the long-forgotten Bronx empowerment zone, was announced on 8/17/2023 by U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-The Bronx) and Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson. The loans, to be handed out by the Bronx Economic Development Corporation, will range from \$5,000 to \$350,000 and can be used for a variety of purposes including payroll, inventory and equipment. Eligible businesses will be primarily in the South Bronx, which was the heart of the federal empowerment zone.

[Click here for more.](#)

The funding will be provided through the federal Small Business Administration's (SBA) [Community Advantage Loan Program](#).

### **Governor Hochul Announces \$150 Million New York Forward Loan Fund 2 to Provide Flexible Loans to New York State Small Businesses.**

Qualified recipients with fewer than 100 employees and less than \$5 million in gross annual revenue can apply for loans up to \$150,000 with affordable, fixed-rate interest rates. [Click here for more info](#)

### **Mayor Adams, SBS Commissioner Kim Announce Opening of Applications for Historic \$75M "Opportunity Fund" to Help Small Businesses Lead Pandemic Recovery**

The NYC Small Business Opportunity Fund has temporarily paused intake of new applications. If you have not completed an application, please fill out this [inquiry form](#).

[full list here.](#)

### **SBA Loans Helping Small & Medium Businesses Grow & Reduce Cost During A Recession!!**

Small business lending has been cut in half since the beginning of the pandemic. It's harder to get approved for a business loan and receive the full amount of funding that you need.

[Start your loan process here!](#)

The [Empire State Development website](#) offers Grants, Tax Credits, and Technical Assistance Programs for Businesses Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Business Pandemic Recovery Initiative.

### **The Business Outreach Center (BOC) Network Presents The New York State MWBE Business Growth Accelerator**

A unique opportunity for construction industry firms in the mid-hudson region of New York State. [Read More](#)

### **Legal resources for small businesses**

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

- [New York City Bar Association](#)
- [Legal Referral Service](#)
- [Pro Bono Partnership](#)

A public/private partnership, the [NYC Small Business Resource center](#) will connect eligible small businesses with specialists to provide assistance in technology, real estate, legal and accounting services, procurement opportunities, marketing, sources of loans and grants, and more.

### **Bronx Economic Development Corporation The Bronx is Open for Business!**

BXEDC has loans programs tailored made for small- and mid- sized businesses, contact us if you are interested in any of these [programs](#).

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.

[Click here for a lot more information.](#)

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## **About Us**

### **The Bronx Business Tech**

**Incubator** (BBTI) is supported by the New York City Council and New York City Economic Development Corporation as a startup incubator for tech freelancers, local small business, and entrepreneurs. Our mission is to help startup companies and entrepreneurs to build successful companies, which in turn creates more job opportunities and drives new innovation and

### **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](#)

technology development in the Bronx. With the technological infrastructure and the resources of CUNY community, the Bronx Business Tech Incubator provides an environment for companies to turn innovative ideas into profitable realities.v

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!

### ¡Atención Negocios de Habla Hispana!

Si desea tener asistencia técnica personalizada acerca de las ayudas disponibles para los propietarios de negocios, u otro tema que necesite establecer para hacer crecer su negocio, puede solicitar una cita de consejería en español e inglés aquí **Bronx SBDC**.

Si aún no es cliente de SBDC, solicite una cita llenando el formulario SBA 641.

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