

# 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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### 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!

**SBA - Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce** is having a free zoom talk about Marketing with Yahoo! **See flyer here.** **Wed. Dec 2 at 8am.** **Register here for the series of talks**

**NY Women in Business** is offering a Free Webinar. **Thu. Dec. 3 at 12:00pm** - 12 LinkedIn ninja tricks you should master. **More Info and Registration**

**BOC Bronx Women's Business Center** is offering a free webinar. **Thu. Dec 3 at 4pm** - How To Complete A Business Plan. **Register Here** **Wed. Dec 9 at 5:30pm** - City M/WBE

### 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

**Worldwide Veterans and Family Services Inc.** along with other 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**

Certification. [Register Here](#)

**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!](#)

**New!** LISC Small Business Relief Grants - Rural Relief Small Business Grants. Next application applications must be submitted by December 6th. [Application Here](#)

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

**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](#)

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

### **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](#)

The New Bronx Chamber of Commerce is here for you. We're working hard to get our business owners resources and information

New York Forward Loan Fund for

**Educational & Recreational -**

**Commodities**

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](http://www.nyloanfund.com).

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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