

# 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!**



### 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!

**BOC Bronx Women's Business Center** is offering a free webinar on **COVID-19 A New Era for Businesses in Professional Services.**

**Tue. Feb 9 at 6:00 PM - [Register Here](#)**

### Ongoing

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

**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

### 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.** New York State is Here to Support Businesses with COVID-19-related Information and Resources - [Click here for more information](#)

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.

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](#)

## Information About Funding

***New!* ADDITIONAL GRANT & FUNDING RESOURCES** covering NYC, Finger Lakes, Hudson Valley, Central NY, and many more areas. [Read more here](#) and see below.

### ***New!* Updates on the Paycheck Protection Program - 2nd Round**

On December 27, President Trump signed the \$900B Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Businesses Act which includes \$325B for economic aid to small businesses. The newest round of PPP funding officially launched on January 11. See more information from [US Small Business Administration](#).

Links to applications for both **First Draw PPP Borrowing** (for companies who have not received an earlier PPP) and **Second-Draw Borrowing** (for those who received a PPP in 2020).

### **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 York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF)** is a new economic recovery loan program

**The New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)** has reopened the COVID Rent Relief Program and will be accepting new applications through Monday, February 1, 2021. [Applications are available 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](#)

## Other Resources

Promote your business on the home page of the *New York Women in Business* website. For just \$15 a week. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **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.

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

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).

**Caleb Brown – The Urban Excellence Community Grant** - Applications are due on the 15th of every month by 5:00 p.m

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

**LISC – Rural Relief Small Business Grants** - The next grant application period will be from January 26 - February 2, 2021.

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

**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.

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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