

# 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!

**The Bronx Business Tech Incubator** is offering a Free Webinar. **See flyer**  
**Thurs. Nov. 19 at 3pm** - Doing business with Lehman-CUNY, Presented by Anjanette Antonio, Director of Procurement. **Register Here**

**SCORE** is offering a Free Webinar.  
**Mon., Nov 23 at 1pm** - Struggling to Maintain Your Business During These Challenging Times. **Register Here**

**BOC Bronx Women's Business Center** is offering a free webinar  
**Thurs. Nov 12 at 4pm** - Steps To Starting Your Business. **Register Here**

**Hosted by Verizon 5G Labs**  
**Mon. Nov 12 at 2PM** - Revolutionizing Retail: The Omnichannel Experience. Omnichannel is a word we've heard tossed around the industry, but what does it really mean? **Sign up Here**

**BOC Bronx Women's Business Center** is offering a free webinar  
**Wed. Nov 18 at 4pm** - SBA Programs & Services to Help Your 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

### 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 Bronx VA Medical Center**

### 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**

### Other Resources

Negotiating Your Commercial Lease

one-on-one session with a Health and Safety expert. Discuss the required protocols & necessary steps during these difficult times.

## 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.** The next application round will open on *Monday, October 26th*. [Application Here](#)

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

### ***Valuable Information from the NYS Contact Reporter - Due Date Dec 1***

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).

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](#)

Reopening New York City - [Click here for more information](#)

Moving New York Forward: Reopening New York - [More info](#)

### **Governor Cuomo Announces New COVID Rental Assistance Program**

The **COVID Rent Relief Program** will provide eligible households with a one-time rental subsidy that will be sent directly to the household's landlord. Applicants will not need to repay this assistance.

### **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 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.