

COVID-19 Business Resources

Capital Access

[Alternative Lenders Directory](#) ESD supports Alternative Lenders throughout New York State so they are better able to meet the financing needs of small businesses. [Read more](#)

[Opportunity Fund](#) provides loans to low- and moderate-income immigrants, women, and other deserving, but underserved small business owners. [Read more](#)

[NJ's Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program](#) – NJEDA announced a \$10 million expansion of its Small Business Emergency Assistance Loan Program to help support small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [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. [Read more](#)

[Black Entrepreneurs NYC \(BE NYC\)](#) - Organization that caters to entrepreneurs at all business stages, community organizations, advocates, and leaders, to co-design and tailor programs to help Black entrepreneurs start and grow thriving businesses across the five boroughs. [Read more](#)

[Small Business Association \(SBA\)](#) is accepting new applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). EIDL is designed to provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. EIDL proceeds can be used to cover a wide array of working capital and normal operating expenses, such as continuation to health care benefits, rent, utilities, and fixed debt payments. [Read more](#)

[Columbia University - Harlem SBDC](#) Emergency Loan Fund for Small Businesses is a relief program that disperses capital to assist small businesses struggling as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. [Read more](#)

[Brooklyn Alliance Capital, Inc.](#) provides financing to under-served minority and immigrant entrepreneurs and low-income small business owners to increase financial stability and foster economic growth that will create jobs in Brooklyn. [Read more](#)

[Citizens Committee for New York City](#) offers Grants of between \$5,000 to \$10,000 will fill gaps in funding by prioritizing businesses owned by people of color, immigrants, and women, which the New York Times and others report have weaker access to banking systems and financial support. [Read more](#)

The [PowerUp Program](#) from Hispanics in Philanthropy, Ureeka, and Google is awarding \$5,000 grants and coaching support to LatinX small businesses. Application deadline is October 28, 2020. [Read more](#)

The [NAACP](#) and BeyGOOD launched the Black-Owned Small Business Impact Fund, providing \$10,000 grants to Black-owned small businesses in New York City to expand economic opportunity. [Read more](#)

The [LISC](#) Small Business Relief & Recovery Fund offers \$10,000 grants to minority-owned NYC small businesses. Application deadline is November 6, 2020. [Read more](#)

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Resource Guides by State

New York Businesses click [here](#).

New Jersey Businesses click [here](#).

NJEDA COVID-19 Relief Packet, for more information click [here](#).

NJEDA Small Business Lease Assistance Program, and other financing and incentives. [Read more](#)

General Small Business Information

Beware of Scams. [Read more](#) from the SBA.

Capital Pathways is a free, nationwide workshop series exposing minority entrepreneurs to credit advice, business lending options, and referrals to service providers. [Read more](#)

Department of Labor. COVID-19 Resources [Read more](#)

SBA Small Business Guidance. Providing a financial reprieve to small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

SCORE a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. [Read more](#)

The Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARE Act, for more information click [here](#).

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has created a Small Business Guide and Checklist to help understand the emergency loans and assistance available under the CARES Act, click on [English](#) version or [Spanish](#) version.

Unemployment Insurance for Self-Employed benefits are available for self-employed personnel, contractors, and gig workers through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. [Read more](#)

Guide to PPP Loan Forgiveness. Under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) created by the CARES Act, loans may be forgiven if borrowers use the proceeds to maintain their payrolls and pay other specified expenses:

- [Read more](#)
- [Watch a step-by-step explainer](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Application](#)

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Technical Assistance

AACCNJ is an authorized provider offering technical assistance to COVID-19 impacted small businesses applying for SBA funding, for more information click [here](#).

[Community Development Financial Institution \(CDFI\)](#) Contact List contains local financial services providers with locations throughout New York State, and often serve communities that are not served by traditional banks and financial institutions. To find your nearest CDFI click [here](#).

[Department of Homeland Security](#) offers guidance in developing a Business Continuity Plan. [Read more](#)

[Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers \(EAC\)](#) provides instruction, training, technical assistance and support services to new and aspiring entrepreneurs in local communities. To find your nearest EAC click [here](#).

[New York Small Business Development Centers \(NYSBDC\)](#) provides small business owners and entrepreneurs in New York with confidential business counseling, training, and business research at no cost. [Read more](#)

[NYC Small Business Services](#), online training programs, for more information click [here](#).

Mental Health Resources

[NJ Mental Health Cares Hotline](#) – For emotional support dealing with stress, anxiety and depression due to COVID-19, speak with a behavioral care specialist at 1-866-202-HELP (4357) daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (7 days a week, free).

[NJ Hopeline](#) – This is a 24/7 Peer Support & Suicide Prevention Hotline – Call 1-855-654-6735.

[NY COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline](#) – Get free emotional support, consultations and referrals to a provider. Call 1-844-863-9314.

[NY Headspace](#) – Governor Andrew Cuomo has joined forces with the Headspace app to provide New Yorkers with free access to meditation and mindfulness exercises. [Read more](#)

[Crisis Text Line](#): Text HOME to 741741 to reach a Crisis Counselor. This is a good resource for younger generations that prefer to communicate via text. [Read more](#)

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Office of Diversity and Inclusion – Supplier Diversity Contacts

If you are owed payment for completed work at any of the Port Authority facilities listed below, please call the assigned representative listed next to the facility.

GENERAL MANAGER	Glenessa Gordon ggordon@panynj.gov	201-395-3117
AVIATION		
Newark Liberty International Airport	Anthony Miller antmiller@panynj.gov	201-395-3959
Teterboro Airport	Anthony Miller antmiller@panynj.gov	201-395-3959
LaGuardia Airport	Carl Peters cpeters@panynj.gov	201-395-3960
John F. Kennedy International Airport	Carl Peters cpeters@panynj.gov	201-395-3960
New York Stewart International Airport	Anthony Miller antmiller@panynj.gov	201-395-3959
General	Daniel Chatters dchatters@panynj.gov	201-395-3958
PATH, WTC and Other		
PATH Facilities	Robin Murray rmurray@panynj.gov	201-395-3942
WTC Facilities		
Engineering		
Technology		
Security		
PORT and Other		
PORT Facilities	Trisha McKenzie tmckenzie@panynj.gov	201-395-5231
Staff Departments		
TUNNELS BRIDGES & TERMINALS	Jorge Mercado jmercado@panynj.gov	201-395- 3943

Community and Redevelopment Centers

Elizabeth Community Outreach Office		732-258-1801
EWR Redevelopment Center	ewrt1redevelopment@panynj.gov	732-258-1415
JFK Redevelopment Center	jfkredevelopment@panynj.gov	718-244-3834
Newark Community Outreach Office		973-961-6944
Maritime Community Engagement Center	MaritimeCenter@panynj.gov	973-961-6943

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Certification Resources and Training

Have certification questions?

CERTIFICATION MANAGER	Suchetha Premchan	spremchan@panynj.gov	201-395-3944
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FOR OTHER CERTIFICATION INFORMATION, VISIT THIS [LINK](#)

Note: Certifications that expire on or after 3/24 will be extended for 90 days.

Port Authority Certification Training* Sign in [here](#).

***Go To Meeting Account Required**

Training opportunities below can be found [here](#).

Class	Class Date	Status
OnLine Certification Application - Vendor Training	10/27/2020	Open 136 space(s) left
Contract Compliance Reporting - Vendor Training	10/29/2020	Open 161 space(s) left
Introduction to the System - Vendor training	10/29/2020	Open 161 space(s) left
Contract Compliance Reporting - Vendor Training	11/2/2020	Open 187 space(s) left
OnLine Certification Application - Vendor Training	11/3/2020	Open 196 space(s) left
Introduction to the System - Vendor training	11/3/2020	Open 197 space(s) left

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Upcoming Webinars

Mon, October 26, 2020 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	NYC SBS: LBE Certification Webinar Register here
Tue, October 27, 2020 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	UN Women's Procurement Webinar Register here
Tue, October 27, 2020 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	SBS-PTAC: Selling to Government Webinar Register here
Wed, October 28, 2020 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	HCCC: Open Forum Q & A with Hudson County Office of Business Opportunity Register here
Wed, October 28, 2020 2:00 PM	AMAC: Legends & Leapers Webinar Register here
Thu, October 29, 2020 3:00 PM	Accion Opportunity Fund and Start Small Think Big Cash Flow Register here
Thu, Oct 29, 2020 1:00 PM	SCORE: Funding Options for Hispanic Owned Businesses Register here
Thu, October 29, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	LaGuardia SBDC: Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Forgiveness Application Register here
Fri, October 23, 2020 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	MCCC: Town Hall Meeting: Rent Relief for Manhattan's Small Businesses Register here
Multiple Dates Available	VetTalks - Monday Morning Coffee - Veterans Helping Veterans Register here