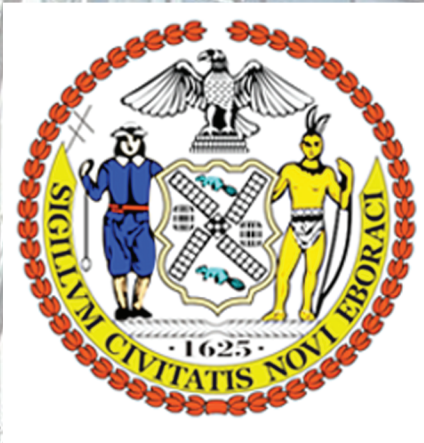




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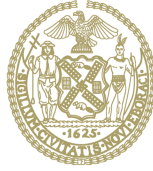
# BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE



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August 31, 2021

Dear Neighbor,

We have incredible entrepreneurs in our community. They need more than just hard work and a pat on the back in order to thrive. They need things like access to capital and information about how to deal with New York City rules and regulations.

The good news is that our neighborhood has a wealth of resources to help small businesses face a wide variety of challenges. For generations, the Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights communities have built institutional support for people working to keep wealth in the neighborhood. This guide is designed to be a useful document that will open a door to a variety of support for your business.

Supporting small business has been one of my top priorities in the City Council. I am Chair of the Commission on Minority and Women Owned Businesses and the former Chair of the Small Business Committee. I have introduced dozens of bills supporting business in the City Council. I started the Chamber On The Go program, which brought the Chamber of Commerce to local businesses, so they can see you and your neighborhood. This is no longer a local program—it has become a City-wide initiative.

Thank you for taking advantage of our community support. I am deeply committed to creating wealth locally and supporting your work. The challenges of starting and running a business are great, but the rewards are even greater. Your efforts benefit us all. Believe me, you are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Cornegy, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Council Member, District 36

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## ACCION East, Inc.

"LEARN HOW TO START, OPERATE AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS"

80 Maiden Ln #903,  
New York, NY 10038  
Phone: (866) 245-0783  
[www.accioneast.org/](http://www.accioneast.org/)



## Accompany Capital (was Business Center for New Americans, Inc.)

Accompany Capital creates a pathway to self-sufficiency for immigrant and refugee entrepreneurs in New York City by providing access to affordable credit, empowering with financial education, and offering training in best business practices and technology.

212-898-4167  
[www.accompanycapital.org](http://www.accompanycapital.org)



## BED-STUY GATEWAY BID

The Bed-Stuy Gateway BID, located in central Brooklyn, is one of Brooklyn's most prominent commercial and cultural focal points. We represent a growing, eclectic community of entrepreneurs, non-profit and arts organizations, families, artists, advocates who are proud to call Bedford-Stuyvesant home. Since 2009, we have partnered with our neighbors and stakeholders to enrich our community through economic development while promoting our cultural diversity.

1368 Fulton Street,  
3rd floor, Brooklyn, NY 11216  
(718) 636-6989  
[www.bedstuybid.org](http://www.bedstuybid.org)



## Black Entrepreneurs NYC (BE NYC)

BE NYC Mentors is New York City's inaugural mentorship program for Black entrepreneurs seeking to increase the number of Black-owned businesses in high-growth industries, with a programmatic focus on pre-startup and newly-formed businesses.

[www.bementors.nyc](http://www.bementors.nyc)



## BOC Capital Corp.

BOC Capital lends to businesses in the five boroughs in New York City, Westchester, Nassau, Suffolk,

Rockland, Dutchess, Orange and Putnam Counties in New York State, and in Bergen, Hudson, Union, and Essex Counties in New Jersey.

85 South Oxford Street, 2nd Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11217  
Tel: 718.625.1296 [boccapital.org](http://boccapital.org)



## Bridge Street Development Corporation

Bridge Street Development Corporation (BSDC) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, the mission of which is to build partnerships with businesses, government, and other community stakeholders to provide civic and economic opportunities to the residents of Central Brooklyn with a focus on low to moderate-income households

460 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
(718) 399-0146  
[www.bsdcorp.org/](http://www.bsdcorp.org/)



## Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce offers technical assistance and one-on-one support to help you get access to financing, marketing resources, technology help, legal services, business coaching, free business courses, and more

Tel. (718) 875-1000.  
[www.brooklynchamber.com](http://www.brooklynchamber.com)  
[www.nycsmallbusinessresourcenetwork.org](http://www.nycsmallbusinessresourcenetwork.org)  
[BCC-COVID@brooklynchamber.com](mailto:BCC-COVID@brooklynchamber.com)



## Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union

Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union (Brooklyn Coop) is a community credit union serving Central Brooklyn since its founding in 2001. Also a certified CDFI (community development financial institution).

834 Dekalb Ave  
Corner of Throop Ave  
P: 718.418.8232 x0  
[www.brooklyn.coop](http://www.brooklyn.coop)



## Brooklyn Public Library, Small Business & Entrepreneur Services

Brooklyn Public Library is a hub for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners.  
[www.bklynlibrary.org/business/small-business](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/business/small-business)



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## Business Mentor NY

Business Mentor NY is the State's first large scale, hands-on small business mentoring program that helps NYS entrepreneurs and established small businesses overcome challenges to grow their business. Business Mentor NY is a free resource that allows entrepreneurs and volunteer mentors to easily connect so they can solve problems and build businesses together.

[www.bmny.micromentor.org/  
support.businessmentor@esd.ny.gov](http://www.bmny.micromentor.org/support.businessmentor@esd.ny.gov)



## CAMBA Economic Development Corporation

CAMBA is a non-profit agency that provides services that connect people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life.

2244 Church Avenue  
4th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11226  
(718) 226-0436  
[www.camba.org/programs/smallbusinessloans/](http://www.camba.org/programs/smallbusinessloans/)



## Carver Federal Savings Bank

Bedford-Stuyvesant - Restoration Plaza Branch  
1392 Fulton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
(718) 230-2900  
[www.carverbank.com](http://www.carverbank.com)



## Chamber On-the-Go

Chamber On-the-Go is a mobile business support program that helps New York City small business owners like you access free services without leaving your storefront

[www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/chamber-on-the-go](http://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/chamber-on-the-go)

## City Bar Justice Center's Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project

Provides low- to moderate-income micro-entrepreneurs with the legal services necessary to start their businesses on sound legal footing. NELP's volunteer attorneys guide clients through such matters as incorporation and tax issues, contracts and agreements, commercial lease negotiations, copyrights, trademarks, and patents.

Volunteer attorneys also offer presentations and legal clinics at community-based organizations on issues of concern to micro-entrepreneurs.

42 West 44th Street  
New York, NY 10036  
P: (212) 382-6633

[www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/neighborhood-entrepreneur-law-project/](http://www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/neighborhood-entrepreneur-law-project/)  
[nelp@nycbar.org](mailto:nelp@nycbar.org)



## CO— by U.S. Chamber of Commerce

CO— is an editorial website with a mission to serve growing businesses across the U.S. Launched in 2019 by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, CO— publishes content that helps solve the problems business owners face every day. Our team is based in New York City and is made up of digital media and publishing professionals who are deeply committed to building a vibrant entrepreneurial community and helping business owners thrive.

[www.uschamber.com/co/](http://www.uschamber.com/co/)



## Empire State Development

The mission of Empire State Development ("ESD") is to promote a vigorous and growing state economy, encourage business investment and job creation, and support diverse, prosperous local economies across New York State through the efficient use of loans, grants, tax credits, real estate development, marketing and other forms of assistance.

[www.esd.ny.gov/](http://www.esd.ny.gov/)



## Empire State Development, Global NY Loan Fund

The Global NY Loan Fund is open to New York State companies seeking financing to create or expand direct exports, or to serve as suppliers to larger exporters. Loans are available to purchase equipment, inventory, working capital to support foreign accounts receivable, export lines of credit, or long-term financing. ESD is also offering interest-free loans for Distilled and Fermented Beverage industry businesses to promote New York State's thriving beverage industry on a global scale.

[www.esd.ny.gov/global-ny-loan-fund-program](http://www.esd.ny.gov/global-ny-loan-fund-program)



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## Freelancers Union

Freelancers Union is a support system for all independent workers. Our mission is to promote the interests of independent workers through advocacy, education, and services. We build novel solutions to support independent workers so they can be secure and thrive, no matter how they work. Membership is free and open to freelancers of all kinds, from graphic designers and contractors to entrepreneurs and moonlighters.

[www.freelancersunion.org/](http://www.freelancersunion.org/)



## New York City Economic Development Corporation

Whether you're an entrepreneur, nonprofit, small business looking for support, or an individual looking for professional training, NYCEDC offers business programs in the following areas to help you grow and thrive in NYC: Initiatives to grow business across key sectors; Nonprofit resources; Opportunities for minority, women-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises (M/W/DBEs); Workforce development and training; Other services.

[www.edc.nyc/business-programs](http://www.edc.nyc/business-programs)



## New York Public Library

The Thomas Yoseloff Business Center at Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library  
Offering 30-minute, online video consultation with business librarians for a quick referral to the Library's resources and/or to resources outside the Library as well. Consultation is completely free and tailored to your needs; they request, to make sure we can help you and make the most out of our time together, to please focus on one question you would like for us to answer, and be as explicit as possible, so that they can prepare ahead of time.

[www.nypl.org/help/services/smallbiz/consultation](http://www.nypl.org/help/services/smallbiz/consultation)



## SCORE New York City

SCORE New York City and our volunteer business mentors are dedicated to providing insights and knowledge to small business owners and entrepreneurs wishing to start a business. We provide: Volunteer mentors who share their expertise across many industries; Free, confidential business mentoring in person, via email or by video; Free business tools, templates, and tips here online; Inexpensive or free business workshops (locally) and webinars (online 24/7)

[www.newyorkcity.score.org/score-new-york-city-mentoring-locations](http://www.newyorkcity.score.org/score-new-york-city-mentoring-locations)



## Small Business Development Center

If you or your business reside in New York, the SBDC can maneuver you around the obstacles to success. Among other things, we help our clients: understand the importance of a business plan; discover sources of funding; prepare for e-commerce; identify avenues for exporting goods & services; develop marketing plans; assess an invention's viability; comply with licensing & regulations. And thanks to our partners in the public and private sectors, our services are free of charge.

25 Chapel St, 11th Floor Brooklyn  
New York 11201  
P: 718-797-0187  
[www.sbdc@citytech.cuny.edu](http://www.sbdc@citytech.cuny.edu)



## Small Business Mentors NYC

Small Business Mentors NYC is a mentorship program provided by the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) for existing storefront business owners seeking to recover and grow their businesses. The program, introduced by the Mayor's Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity, will prioritize underrepresented business owners and neighborhoods.

[www.smallbusinessmentors.nyc/](http://www.smallbusinessmentors.nyc/)



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## Start Small Think Big

Start Small Think Big is a nonprofit that helps small business owners from marginalized communities create thriving businesses. Regardless of their financial status, birthplace, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or network, all people deserve the power to make decisions about their own lives. Start Small Think Big supports Black, Brown, people of color, LGBTQIA+, immigrants, veterans, people with disabilities, and women-owned small businesses, so that they can create thriving businesses. We are the only nonprofit that provides a unique mix of finance, marketing, and legal assistance to small businesses nationwide. We partner with small businesses and their communities, connecting small business owners to our network of professionals who provide their expertise for free.

[www.startsmallthinkbig.org/](http://www.startsmallthinkbig.org/)  
511 Avenue of the Americas #4151  
New York, NY 10011  
(646) 723-4053 ext.101  
[hello@startsmallthinkbig.org](mailto:hello@startsmallthinkbig.org)



## TD Bank

957 Marcy Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
(718) 857-2075  
[www.td.com/us/en/small-business/](http://www.td.com/us/en/small-business/)



## The Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises

The Office is responsible for developing policy, enhancing coordination among City agencies, and providing oversight and accountability of the City's M/WBE Program. It serves as a One-Stop-Shop for M/WBEs interested in doing business with the city and its agencies.

Call: 311  
[www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/mwbe](http://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/mwbe)



## U.S. Small Business Administration, The New York District Office

The New York District Office is responsible for the delivery of SBA's many programs and services in New York City, Long Island and the downstate counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

26 Federal Plaza Suite 3100  
New York, NY  
P: 212-264-4354  
[www.sba.gov/offices/district/ny/new-york](http://www.sba.gov/offices/district/ny/new-york)



## U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Resource Guide, Metro New York Edition 2020

[www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/resource\\_files/S-BA-NewYork\\_2020-508\\_v24070.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/resource_files/S-BA-NewYork_2020-508_v24070.pdf)



## Women Entrepreneurs NYC, WE NYC

WE NYC (Women Entrepreneurs NYC) is an initiative based out of the New York City Department of Small Business Services that is dedicated to helping women start and grow their businesses.

[www.we.nyc/](http://www.we.nyc/)  
Email: [wenyc@sbs.nyc.gov](mailto:wenyc@sbs.nyc.gov)



For a list of New York State Community Development Financial Institutions located in New York City, please visit:

[www.nyscdfi.org/nyscdfi](http://www.nyscdfi.org/nyscdfi)