



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES & UPCOMING EVENTS *LAST UPDATED 5/5/2025*

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Simple Steps for Starting Your Business - Basics

Date: Tuesday, May 6th at 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: Virtual

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Details: This will be step by step workshop to help you clearly understand the details, challenges, opportunities and rewards of owning and operating your own business, through the real-life experiences of several highly successful entrepreneurs. It will cover foundations of starting your own business, developing proper mindsets, components of business ownership, legal structures, ensuring your business, introductions to business planning, and resources for getting started in your own business.

Cost: Free

Contact Information: Len Gendron at ch.admin0228@scorevolunteer.org

Are You Bankable?

Date: Wednesday, May 7th at 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: Virtual

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Details: This webinar will teach you how to discover how financial institutions assess your bankability, craft a persuasive story that highlights your strengths, present challenges in the best possible light, and gather the right financial records to streamline your loan application.

Cost: Free

Speakers: Karen Baldeschwieler, a small business consultant with Zenagos and local commercial bankers.

Contact Information: Matin Hussainy at the Massachusetts SBDC - Greater Boston Region at matin.hussainy@umass.edu

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Ways to Improve Your Credit Score

Date: Wednesday, May 7th at 11:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Details: This webinar will teach you to credit scores are calculated, tips to build credit, how to effectively manage debt and reduce outstanding balances, the role of credit utilization and common mistakes to avoid that can hurt your credit.

Cost: Free

Speakers: Awilda Irizarry, Senior Business Advisor and Financial Specialist of the MSBDC Northeast Regional Office

Contact Information: Kaitlin Muldoon at kmuldoon@salemstate.edu or 978-542-7369

Grounds for Growth: A Collaborative Coffee Hour for Small Business Month

Date: Monday, May 12th at 10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Restaurante Y Tortilleria Guatemalteco, 1282 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA, 02746

RSVP to Adelsa Mendes, TDI Fellow New Bedford at amendes@massdevelopment.com or 781-309-3266

Details: Presentations will be delivered by the Office of the MA State Treasurer and Receiver General, Executive Office of Economic Development, MassDevelopment TDI, CEDC, and Eastern Bank. There will also be an opportunity for roundtable discussions and networking.

Cost: Free

Contact Information: smallbusinessma@tre.state.ma.us or amendes@massdevelopment.com

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Beyond The Bottom Line: 401k & Succession Planning for Small Businesses

Date: Tuesday, May 13th at 9:00am – 12:30pm

Location: Craft Food Halls – Alston, 1234 Soldiers Field Rd, Brighton, MA 02135

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Details: This will be an opportunity to connect with Citizens' colleagues, partner organizations, and local small businesses. Attendees will include the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Transamerica, and Commonwealth Financial Group.

Cost: Free

Access to Capital Panel Discussion

Date: Wednesday, May 14th at 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Roxbury Community College, Building 3, Student Commons, Roxbury, MA 02120

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Details: This session will walk you through the essential financial and business documentation you need to present your business in the best light. From organizing your records to understanding what lenders look for, you'll leave with the tools and confidence to approach funding conversations with clarity and purpose. Whether you're seeking a loan now or planning for future growth, this workshop will set you up for success.

Cost: Free

Speakers: Eddy Desir of Cambridge Savings Bank, Lisa Holmes of South Eastern Economic Development Corporation (SEED), Jason Soloman of Eastern Bank, and Norman Eng of The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Contact Information: 617-427-0060 ext. 1008 or BIC@rcc.mass.edu

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The 2nd Annual Women's Small Business Expo

Date: Thursday, May 15th at 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Joseph Lee K-8 School, 155 Talbot Ave, Boston, MA 02124

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Details: This event will celebrate the contributions of Women entrepreneurs in our community, while also making it the perfect opportunity to shop, network, and connect with incredible women-owned businesses while discovering valuable resources to help entrepreneurs grow and thrive. Whether you're a business owner, a supporter of local talent, or looking for unique products, this event is for you!

Cost: Free

Contact Information: Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp at 617-825-4224

Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire

The CDC's Small Business Technical Assistance (SBTA) is a free program that works with local small businesses. The program's goal is to equip you with fundamental business operations knowledge and practical guidance on business growth and operations. This program is open to all small businesses in Berkshire County with fewer than 20 employees, with a special focus on under-resources communities. To learn more contact Emmalyn Gaertner at emmalyn@cdcsb.org or call 413-717-7806.

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