



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES & UPCOMING EVENTS *LAST UPDATED 5/12/2025*

May 12th - May 16th

Monday 5/12

Grounds for Growth:
A Collaborative Coffee Hour
for Small Business Month
10:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday 5/13

[Beyond The Bottom Line: 401k &
Succession Planning for Small Businesses](#)
9:00am - 12:30pm

Wednesday 5/14

[Access to Capital Panel Discussion](#)
9:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday 5/15

[The 2nd Annual
Women's Small Business Expo](#)
5:00pm - 8:00pm

May 19th - May 23rd

Tuesday 5/20

[Ways to Improve Your Credit Score](#)
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday 5/21

[Understanding the
Business Loan Process](#)
11:00am - 12:00pm

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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

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

[Click This Link to Register](#)

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

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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

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!

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Cost: Free

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

Ways to Improve Your Credit Score

Date: Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Details: In this webinar you will learn how credit scores are calculated, tips to build credit, even if you are starting from scratch, how to effectively manage debt and reduce outstanding balances, the role of credit utilization and its impact on your score, and common mistakes to avoid that can hurt your credit.

Cost: Free

Speakers: Awilda Irizarry, Senior Business Advisor - Financial Specialist of the MA SBDC Northeast Office

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

Understanding the Business Loan Process

Date: Wednesday, May 21st at 11:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Details: In this session you will learn the ins and outs of business loan proposals. Topics will include the 5 C's of Credit, how to obtain a loan for a start-up business, how to obtain a loan for an existing business, and how to obtain a loan to buy a business.

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Cost: Free

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Operation Money Wise

Operation Money Wise is a grant opportunity for non-profit organizations, public agencies, and Massachusetts higher education institutions to provide financial education programs for veterans, military personnel, and their families. Applications close on May 30th at 5:00pm.

The application can be found [here](#).

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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