



## Cummins \$25 Million Grant Program

As a member of the selection committee, I want to express my sincere hope that you can find time to apply for a \$100,000 Cummins grant. They sent me an email that said,

We know there are organizations that have not yet applied.

We would greatly appreciate your and your board's help in spreading the word about the upcoming **\$25 Million Grant Program**.

We are accepting Letters of Inquiry through September 4, and we would love to see more requests from communities of color.

More information, as well as the link to our online portal, can be found here [on our website](#).

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*BOSTON, MA: July 8, 2020: Executive Director of the Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, Ed Gaskin, left, and Chair Karen Bunchs give Congressman Joe Kennedy III a tour of the area as he visits businesses in Grove Hall in Boston, Massachusetts. (Staff photo by Nicolaus Czarnecki/MediaNews Group/Boston Herald)*

## Greater Grove Hall Main Streets in the News

U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III is rolling out a coronavirus-era New Deal that would put Americans back to work in jobs to help the country recover from the pandemic while also boosting economic opportunities in Black and brown communities.

[Click Here To Read More](#)

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# Reopening Stories



# Reopening MASSACHUSETTS



## Phase 3 Step 1 in Boston Starts July 13

Businesses that are reopening in Step 1 of Phase 3 must follow specific guidance. Face coverings, social distancing, sanitization, and hygiene measures remain in place, in addition to updated gathering limitations.

The state is restricting crowds in indoor enclosed spaces to no more than eight people per 1,000 square feet, or 25 people overall; Outdoor spaces can have 100 people. [You can learn more on the state's website.](#)

Below are some but not all sector-specific guidelines. [Thanks to Patch.com for the synopsis.](#)

- **Movie theaters and outdoor performance venues:**
  - Forty percent of individual theater or screening room capacity; For outdoor performances, singing and the playing of brass and wind instruments is discouraged.
- **Museums, cultural and historical sites:**
  - Forty percent capacity; Consider using timed entry tickets/reservations and imposing time limits for visits to ensure compliance with occupancy limits.
- **Guided tours:**
  - Fifty percent capacity for buses or other vehicle (such as a trolley, harbor cruise vessel, or duck boat;) Walking groups of no more than 10 peoples.
- **Fitness centers and health clubs:**
  - Activities such as Weight and resistance training; Cross training; Yoga; Martial arts; Spin classes; Boot camp training; Forty percent capacity; Equipment and exercise areas are spaced out at least 14 feet apart; Distribute hand sanitizer and disposable wipes abundantly throughout the space for workers and customers to disinfect their hands and equipment before and after use.
- **Certain indoor recreational activities with low potential for contact:**
  - Includes batting cages, driving ranges, bowling alleys, go karts, and rock-climbing facilities. Things like roller skating rinks, trampolines, obstacle courses and laser tag will open in part two; Forty percent capacity.
- **Professional sports teams, under the authority of league-wide rules, may hold games.**
  - No fans.

## PPE & Cleaning Supplies

We have created a guide on PPE and cleaning requirements needed for businesses to reopen. This database also allows businesses selling PPE and cleaning supplies to add contact information and promote their resources.

[Learn more](#)

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## Workplace Safety

No one should have to risk their health or safety to go back to work. If you feel that you are being pressured to resume work in an unsafe environment, please reach out to Attorney General Maura Healey's Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465 or [online](#).



### REOPEN BOSTON FUND

The City of Boston is providing \$6 million in new debt-free grants to support the safe and healthy reopening of small businesses. Learn more: [boston.gov/reopen-fund](https://boston.gov/reopen-fund)

CITY of BOSTON



## Apply Today: Reopen Boston Fund

The grants will be released in three rounds and will provide up to \$2,000 for small businesses to install the required materials to implement public health measures and procure personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies to reopen. [Applications and instruction available in 11 languages!](#)

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## Adapting Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery in Massachusetts

As Massachusetts continues moving through its four-phase reopening plan, municipalities across the state will need to make changes to their streets and other public spaces in order to ensure public health and economic vitality.

It will be important to support restaurants and small businesses and give people enough space to comply with physical distancing guidelines as they travel to work and other errands, get exercise, and access healthcare. Although Massachusetts has recently moved into a new phase, it's likely that infection rates will fluctuate and we could experience a second wave in the coming months, requiring adjustments to street space and an adaptive approach.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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Check out our latest [Massachusetts Edition 2020 - Small Business Resource Guide](#) now available online!

How prepared are you to reopen your business? [Check it out here](#)

## Temporary Sidewalk Extension for Retail

This extension supports businesses' efforts to keep a safe and healthy environment for their staff and customers by limiting the access to a confined indoor space. This temporary policy is in effect from July 1, 2020 - October 30, 2020.

[Learn More and Apply Now!](#)



See City of  
Boston [guidance](#)  
[on reopening here.](#)

## Outdoor Dining Resources

Apply for temporary outdoor dining capacity for your business today and review updated public health guidance.

[Learn More and Apply Today!](#)

## Private Outdoor Fitness Classes Are Allowed in City-owned Parks.

The City of Boston will now allow private fitness classes on City-owned parks. These are non-precedent setting activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Learn More!](#)

## Support Black- and Brown-owned Businesses!

We have built a directory of black- and brown-owned businesses in Boston. If you are a black- or brown-owned business and want to join the list, [please fill out the form on the website](#) to be added and grow your customer base! If

### LIST OF BUSINESSES

| Name                         | Website                 | Contact phone  | Type of business          | Address                    |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Auto and Lighting Util... | autobus.com             | (857) 272-5880 | Auto and Lighting Util... | 188 North Avenue           |
| 2. Make It Personal Design   | makeitpersonal.com      | (857) 448-6424 | Make It Personal Design   | 68 Herman Street East...   |
| 3. OAK, Inc.                 | oakinc.com              | (857) 266-4104 | OAK, Inc.                 | 631 Thicket Street East... |
| 4. Goss Photography          | gossphotography.com     | (857) 299-4877 | Goss Photography          | 1102 Morton Street East... |
| 5. Street Book & Video Pa... | streetbook.com          | (857) 628-1754 | Street Book & Video Pa... | 27 National Avenue East... |
| 6. Artistic Experiences      | artisticexperiences.com | (857) 495-6868 | Artistic Experiences      | 304 Herman Street East...  |
| 7. Visual Artworks Studios   | visualartworks.com      | (857) 528-6949 | Visual Artworks Studios   | P.O. Box 194102 28 Park... |
| 8. A Better Resolution, Inc. | aberr.com               | (857) 338-2022 | A Better Resolution, Inc. | 123 Washington Street...   |
| 9. Wally's Cafe              | wallyscfe.com           | (857) 424-1468 | Wally's Cafe              | 407 Massachusetts Ave...   |
| 10. City Communications      | citycommunications.com  | (857) 919-7614 | City Communications       | 3 Engineers Terrace        |
| 11. ...                      | ...                     | ...            | ...                       | ...                        |

you are a customer looking to support these diverse businesses, please visit the [website and share!](#)

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## [Take Small Business Survey #7 Today!](#)

Please remember to fill out our small business survey! This survey is the seventh we have published since the beginning of the City of Boston's COVID-19 response, and helps our department identify areas of need for small businesses and how we can strategically deploy our resources to assist.

As Boston continues to recover from COVID-19, we want to ensure we are supporting you in the best way possible.

**TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY!**

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## Event For Immigrant-Owned Businesses

The president's [freeze on new foreign work visas](#) is rippling through the state's economy, from businesses that count on workers from other countries for seasonal labor to technology companies that can't find enough highly skilled job candidates in the United States, the [Globe reports](#).

And on Monday (July 13) at 3 p.m. the [Massachusetts Immigrant And Refugee Advocacy Coalition](#) has organized a virtual roundtable to discuss the needs of another critical segment of our economy: Immigrant-owned businesses.

Speakers include U.S. Rep. Joseph L. Kennedy III, U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton, Eva A. Millona, president and CEO of MIRA; Segun Idowu, executive director of BECMA, and Betty Francisco, co-founder of Amplify Latinx.

Organizers say more than half of the program will be dedicated to hearing from small business owners. [Details and registration information here.](#)

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## The Runway Project Boston

The Runway Project Boston is an organization that provides financing for **African-American entrepreneurs** with microloans of up to 20k. The Runway Project has launched in Boston through a partnership with Berkshire Bank.



Loans have 5-yr terms, 4% interest, 2 yrs of interest-only payments and do not consider your credit score. Once you receive a loan from you you also receive 5 years of 1-on-1 business advising.

You can fill out an [interest form here](#).

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## SBA Stories



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

### SBA Newsletter

#### Paycheck Protection Program has reopened - FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE

[Click here to learn more](#) OR contact your local SBA-approved lender. There are also several online programs that can facilitate a PPP loan. Please NOTE that you will need to apply for [LOAN FORGIVENESS](#) after you receive your loan in order to forgive the payroll and rent amounts.

BE AWARE OF SCAMS! SBA does not initiate contact on either 7a or Disaster loans or grants. If you are proactively contacted by someone claiming to be from the SBA, suspect fraud. You can see a list of [potential frauds and scams](#) here.

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#### UPCOMING Virtual Events

July 13 to August 31 / 4pm - 7pm  
[Online 8-Week Retail Bootcamp \(\\$150 - scholarships available\)](#)

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Tuesday 7/14/20 / 10am - 11:15am  
[Use YouTube To Grow Your Business](#)

Thursday 7/16/20 / 11am - 12pm  
[Succession Planning and Exiting During a Crisis](#)

Thursday 7/16/20 / 11am - 11:15am  
[Renegotiating Commercial Leases and Loan Agreements: Practical tips & strategies](#)

Thursday 7/16/20 / 2:30pm - 4pm  
[Exporting in the Digital Age: Grow Your Sales and Build Your Brand by Making the Internet Work for You Globally](#)

Monday 7/20/20 / 5pm - 7pm  
[Keeping the Books: Basic Record Keeping and Accounting](#)

Wednesday 7/22/20 / 10am - 11am  
[Marketing During a Pandemic](#)

Thursday 7/23/20 / 9am - 10:30am  
[8\(a\) Business Development Program Eligibility Workshop](#)

Thursday 7/23/20 / 6pm - 9pm  
[Start Your Own Business \(Western Mass SCORE Chapter\)](#)

Friday 7/24/20 / 12pm - 1pm  
[China Global Trade Compliance and Security Update](#)

Thursday 7/30/20 / 11am - 12pm  
[Selling and Networking in the New Normal](#)

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U.S. Small Business Administration  
offers the 7(j) Management and  
Technical Assistance Program for eligible Small Businesses.



7(j) training, provided to eligible firms and their employees, includes very specialized training in the areas of federal contracting. The training will be provided in an online format with live instructors and the ability for students to participate and ask questions. Up to 40 participants per workshop will receive training on how to make "real world" business decisions that will facilitate their firm's success.

Training is provided by Stover & Associates, Inc. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://sbaworkshops.stoverteam.com/cgi-bin/app.cgi>

To view all current offerings, please visit: [Stover & Associates](#)  
Any questions, please reach out to [Nadine.Boone@sba.gov](mailto:Nadine.Boone@sba.gov)

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## 7(j) Management & Technical Assistance Training

### On-Line Government Contracting Training

Month of July 2020

#### How it works

Just like a class you'd attend in person, courses are taught by a live instructor on a scheduled day and time. Students receive course materials in advance, participate in real time using a broadband connection and interact directly with the instructor and their peers.

From your computer, you'll link to an instructor in a live, real-time, interactive learning experience. You'll become part of a virtual classroom where you can ask questions, seek guidance and participate in class discussions and interactive exercises.

Training is FREE to 7(j) eligible small businesses

#### Who can participate?

Small business owners who:

- are certified 8(a) participants
- have a HUBZone certified small business
- have an economically disadvantaged women-owned small business
- have a small business located in areas of high unemployment or low income
- have a small business owned by low income individuals



U.S. Small Business Administration



Training provided by:

Stover & Associates, Inc.



Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Please contact:

Phyllis Embree or Chris Strudthoff, (770) 423-9888

### YOU WILL LEARN:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Capture Management</b><br/>July 13, 2020<br/>1:00—4:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Contractor Teaming</b><br/>July 14, 2020<br/>1:00—3:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Federal Contracting Basics</b><br/>July 15, 2020<br/>1:00—4:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Understanding RFPs</b><br/>July 16, 2020<br/>1:00—3:30 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Developing Technical and Past Performance Proposals</b><br/>July 20, 2020<br/>1:00—4:00 pm EDT</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>How to Qualify for the GSA Schedule</b><br/>July 21, 2020<br/>1:00—3:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Developing the Cost Proposal</b><br/>July 21, 2020<br/>5:00—8:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Government Contract Types</b><br/>July 22, 2020<br/>1:00—3:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Primer</b><br/>July 23, 2020<br/>1:00—5:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Introduction to Managing Government Construction Contracts</b><br/>July 27, 2020<br/>1:00—4:00 pm EDT</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Strategic Planning</b><br/>July 27, 2020<br/>5:00—6:30 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Managing and Adminstrating Government Contracts</b><br/>July 28, 2020<br/>1:00—4:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Audits and Accounting Systems</b><br/>July 29, 2020<br/>1:00—4:00 pm EDT</li><li>• <b>Negotiating Government Contracts</b><br/>July 30, 2020<br/>1:00—5:00 pm EDT</li></ul> |
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#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

<https://sbaworkshops.stoverteam.com>

Click the "Register for Training" button on the left side navigation pane.

For more information about the 7(j) Program, please contact your SBA District Office.

[www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance](http://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance)

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## Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting Program Upcoming Changes

Starting on July 15, 2020, SBA will implement Congress' changes to the [WOSB Program](#), as put forth in the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), with new WOSB Program regulations intended to enhance program oversight and effectiveness.

See information on our website, [sba.gov/wosbready](http://sba.gov/wosbready).

## Where Can I Get Help?

Please direct all other inquiries and questions to our District Office email at:

[MassachusettsDO@sba.gov](mailto:MassachusettsDO@sba.gov)

**FREE** and confidential counseling services are available across the Commonwealth. Virtual education, training and networking sessions are happening daily.

**Please schedule a virtual session with any of our Resource Partners below.**

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### Resource Partner Network

#### **WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**

Staff are working remotely and can be reached via email or telephone. MSBDC is committed to supporting entrepreneurs during these very challenging times.



#### [Request for Counseling](#)

MSBDC advisors can assist businesses with disaster loan applications.

If you are not currently a client and would like to speak with a counselor, please find your region and reach out to the [REGIONAL OFFICE SERVING YOU](#).

[Berkshire Regional Office](#)

[Central Regional Office](#)

[Northeast Regional Office \(SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNSELOR\)](#)

[Procurement Technical Assistance Center](#)

[Southeast Regional Office](#)

[Western Regional Office](#)

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#### [Request for Counseling](#)

Counseling Sessions with [BOSTON SCORE CHAPTER](#):



If you want to speak with a counselor, SCORE is doing tele-consults. Just pick a date and time to schedule a session and enter your contact info, mentors are doing sessions by phone and Zoom video app.

Reach out to other SCORE CHAPTERS throughout the state below.

[SCORE Boston Chapter](#)

[SCORE Worcester Chapter](#)

[SCORE Western Massachusetts Chapter](#)

[SCORE Cape Cod Chapter](#)

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[Request for Counseling](#)

[Check Out Our Class Calendar](#)  
[Self-Paced Workshop Partners](#)



Center for Women & Enterprise

**Eastern Massachusetts Center - Boston**  
44 School St., Suite 200  
Boston, MA 02108  
[info.EasternMA@cweonline.org](mailto:info.EasternMA@cweonline.org)

**Veterans Business Outreach Center of  
New England (VBOC of NE)**  
132 George M. Cohan Blvd.  
Providence, RI 02903  
[info.VBOC@cweonline.org](mailto:info.VBOC@cweonline.org)

**Central Massachusetts Center -  
Westborough**  
69 Milk St., Ste. 217  
Westborough, MA 01581  
[info.CentralMA@cweonline.org](mailto:info.CentralMA@cweonline.org)



**FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR BUSINESS**

**SCORE Small Business Webinars**

**Small Business Owners with Less than 500 Employees**

MA Small Biz! We need your voice as part of the @MassInc Small Business Reopening Survey. Tell us how #COVID19 has impacted your business and what you need now for reopening & recovery. Your input will inform policy and economic recovery programs.

[Start Survey](#)

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## SCORE Boston Small Business Webinars

### [Use YouTube To Grow Your Business](#)

Tuesday | July 14 | 10:00 am

### [Balancing work, family and stress during uncertain times:](#)

#### [Learn how to stay productive and calm](#)

Wednesday | July 15 | 10 am

### [Renegotiating Commercial Leases and Loan Agreements: Practical tips and strategies](#)

Thursday | July 16 | 10 am

## Upcoming Webinars

Webinars to watch for...

**Elevator Pitch with Breakout Rooms**  
7/27/20

**Focus/Mindset Work From Home Presentation**

8/4/20

**QuickBooks Part 1**

8/4/20

**QuickBooks Part 2**

8/13/20

**Buying and Selling a Small Business**

8/20/20

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View Previously Recorded Webinars [Here](#)

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## MSBDC

Additional Webinars for small business can be found with the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center

[List of Events](#)



# COVID Stories

COVID 19 Updates From the Mayors Office of Neighborhood Service



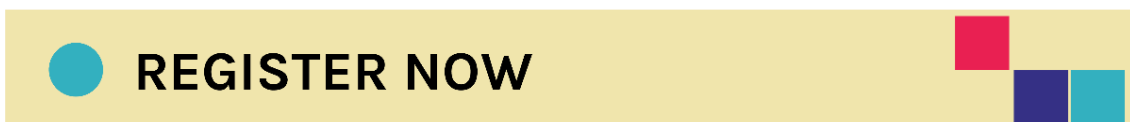


## FABxLive Challenge COVID-19 Innovation Award

FABxLive and FabCare, in collaboration with Dassault Systemes SOLIDWORKS and the 3DEXPERIENCE Lab, want to reward and elevate examples of resilient initiatives undertaken during the COVID-19 crisis within the Fab Lab Network.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Submissions are due by **July 17, 2020 (Friday), 11:59 EST**  
For any questions, please email [fabxlive@fabfoundation.org](mailto:fabxlive@fabfoundation.org)



# Social Media Analytics 2020

## Survey – Gauge Your Social Media Analytics Versus Your Peers

Hello - Please participate in our annual Social Media Analytics Survey. With your input, we'll be able to keep our finger on the pulse and identify what is truly working in today's social analytics strategies.

Please take a few moments to share your social analytics preferences with us - once you've completed the survey, you'll be entered to win one of five \$100 VISA gift cards.

All participants will receive a copy of the final Social Media Analytics Survey report.

Click the button below to start the survey.

Thanks for your participation!

The Exordium Group

[Begin Survey](#)

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**Please Share & Join Us: Virtual  
Open House About UCB Position**



We are hosting a Virtual Open House next Tuesday about our Director of Operations and Partnership position.

**Job Description:** <https://bit.ly/UCBDOPdescrip>

**Job Application:** <https://bit.ly/UCBDOPApply>

Please join us if you are interested in learning more! Can you share this invitation with others in your network that might be interested in this opportunity?

**Tuesday, July 14 from 5:00-6:00pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6179716815>

Please make sure your Zoom ID is your First and Last name for Zoom security purposes

- At the Open House we will: Provide more details about the role and the skills we are

- looking for
- Have team members share about working at UCB and our impact
- Answer all your questions

Thank you for sharing and we hope to see you there!

Eric Leslie

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## Weekly Small Business Conference Call

Please join us **Tuesday, July 14 at 11:00 am** for our weekly small business conference call.

Register in



advance: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_B12DiEy2QZK0e3LjC71yQQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B12DiEy2QZK0e3LjC71yQQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

You may also view the webinar and submit questions on [Facebook Live](#).

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## Federal and MA State Tax Deadline is July 15

IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig said in a news release that "the IRS understands that those affected by the coronavirus may not be able to pay their balances in full by July 15, but we have many payment options to help taxpayers."

As part of the IRS' "[The People First Initiative](#)," the federal agency is offering a variety of relief options to taxpayers experiencing hardships related to the COVID-19 crisis.

[IRS Extension to File](#)

[Massachusetts Tax Deadline information ...](#)

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[Apply Today: Childcare  
Entrepreneur Fund](#)

Applicants must be Boston residents who currently operate a childcare business or





## CHILDCARE ENTREPRENEUR FUND

We are offering \$3,500 grants and business support to current and aspiring family childcare owners.

### ATTEND A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP TO LEARN MORE:

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BOSTONWOMEN](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BOSTONWOMEN)

- Thursday, July 9th, 6pm-7pm
- Wednesday, July 15th, 12pm-1pm (en Español)
- Saturday, July 18th, 11am-12pm

**APPLY BEFORE JULY 22ND, 2020**

[WWW.BOSTON.GOV/CHILDCARE-FUND](http://WWW.BOSTON.GOV/CHILDCARE-FUND)

are aspiring to open one in 2020-2021. Selected grantees will attend six (6) virtual workshops on how to effectively run a childcare business while staying in compliance with CDC and state guidelines and regulations. After attending, grantees will receive flexible \$3,500 grants to support their reopening and successful operations.

Applications are open from **Thursday, July 2nd - Wednesday, July 22nd**. For more information please visit <http://www.boston.gov/childcare-fund>.



## Community Preservation Act Virtual Meetings

Please join us this month for another Community Preservation Virtual Community Meeting on **Wednesday, July 15th | 6:30 pm - 8 pm** if you missed our meeting last month.

Or join our smaller informal CPA Meet and Greet on **Tuesday, July 7th, 21st, and 28th | 12:00 PM - 1 PM**

Learn more about the Community Preservation Act, and share your project ideas with the CPA team! Get prepared for the next application round and learn about our eligibility form requirements.

Please RSVP by emailing [thadine.brown@boston.gov](mailto:thadine.brown@boston.gov) You'll receive a login link after you sign up.

[Click Here to Learn About Virtual Meet and Greet](#)

[Click Here to Learn More About the Community Meeting](#)



## CPA Eligibility Form

Boston's Community Preservation program has adopted a rolling eligibility form to help CPA staff connect with potential applicants and assist them through the process.

The Eligibility Form includes questions to establish whether a project fits the requirements of the CPA state law.

To start: [use this word document](#) as a worksheet to see the questions and write your answers.

Then cut and paste your answers into the [Eligibility Form](#).



## CPA Staff Support

Our CPA office is working remotely as part of the City of Boston's efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for all you are doing to help. We hope you will continue to stay home, stay informed, and stay safe.

Please join us for one of the virtual engagement sessions posted above or contact us by email with your questions and ideas. We may not be able to meet in person, but are here to support your efforts!

CPA staff contact information is on [www.boston.gov/cpa](http://www.boston.gov/cpa). If you know others who would like to receive the CPA newsletter, direct them to to the website.

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## Community Writing Program

Write Through Pain, Write to Heal, Write Together



The Grove Hall library is excited to bring Writers Without Margins back to teach a creative, therapeutic writing class, this time on Zoom. Please join Author and Professor, Olivia Kate Cerrone and Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Sharaye Ragland, for a 4 week, Zoom workshop of art and advocacy.

Experience expressive writing as a tool for recovery, reform, and revolution.

**Wednesdays, July 15th, 22, 29, and August 5: 12-1 PM**

Zoom link will be sent to registered participants.

Register Here: <https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/5ef106c065fbc34500698c5f>

[Click Here to View Flyer](#)



## Strengthen Your Practice. Expand Your Impact.

*One-year certificate programs designed for working professionals; taught by nonprofit practitioners.*

*Class locations: Greater Boston, Merrimack Valley/Essex County, Cape Cod & the Islands, and Rhode Island.*

### **Core Certificate Program:**

Equips nonprofit executives, senior and mid-career leaders with the skills, knowledge, and networks they need to make strategic, mission-driven decisions.

### **Community Fellows Program:**

Propels early-career leaders by advancing their leadership skills, increasing social capital, and embedding them in a robust professional network.

Apply today to be part of the Institute's New England class of 2021!

Learn More: [nonprofitpractice.org/apply-new-england](https://nonprofitpractice.org/apply-new-england)

[Click Here to View Flyer](#)



## Free Bluebikes Passes for Boston's Grocery, Pharmacy, Restaurant, and Retail Workers

Hi friends,

As the region continues to reopen, the City of Boston has a great opportunity to help many employees get to work. The Boston Transportation Department is offering [free 90-day Bluebikes passes](#) to help out some of our most important workers: those employed at grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, and local retail shops. Anyone who works in these industries in Boston is eligible for the pass.

Bluebikes is public transportation by bike, providing a convenient way to get around the

city while maintaining physical distance from other people. Most of Boston's small business districts are served by Bluebikes. Workers can pick up a bike near their homes and park it at a station near work. During the free 90-day period, pass-holders will be able to take as many trips as they like, though trips must be completed within 60 minutes to avoid usage fees. There is no obligation to pay for a pass once the free 90 day period is over.

If you own a retail shop or restaurant, can you help share this opportunity with your employees? I've attached a flyer with instructions on how to sign-up. I can also get you hard copies to distribute to your staff.

For more information about the program, email [bikeshare@boston.gov](mailto:bikeshare@boston.gov) or visit [boston.gov/bikeshare](http://boston.gov/bikeshare).

Thank you!  
Your Friendly Main Streets Staff

[Click Here to View Flyer](#)

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## Tech Goes Home for Small Business

Tech Goes Home strives to ensure that all residents of the City of Boston are equipped with the tools, training, and access to support 21st - century skill development. The TGH program offers residents the ability to improve their quality of life as new members of the online community, and use the internet to Live, Learn, Earn, Work, and Play.



This class is for Small Business Owners. You will learn online tools to help your small business. These resources include business skills like getting organized for business, marketing skills information, selling skills information, and basic tutorials to help you start using them.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00 – 5:30**  
**August 11 – September 17**

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## Outdoor Dining Plans Available from JP Centre/South Main Streets and JP Local First

*Business Accounts Available From Wayfair*

JP Centre/South Main Streets and [JP Local First](#) have partnered to provide design and technical assistance for businesses that need help applying for outdoor dining and seating. Several local volunteers have partnered with the design firm of make/do studio ([Samuel Maddox](#) and [Braxton Tanner](#)) to create varying plans to meet business needs. The plans are available for community use, free of charge.

We have also partnered with online merchant [Wayfair](#) to provide business/professional accounts to local businesses, who need to secure furnishings for outdoor areas. Furnishings are available a la carte or to match the design plans from make/do studio.

*Alternatives to jersey barriers: if you are in need of jersey barriers for your outdoor seating, we may have alternatives for you to consider, with recommendations from the Boston Transportation Department. Jersey barriers are required for outdoor seating areas within parking lanes, and have been increasingly difficult and expensive to obtain.*

For information on any of these items, please contact our [Executive Director, Ginger Brown](#).

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