



Grant Money for You, Your Group or Your Non-Profit

Through a generous gift from the Cummings Foundation, Greater Grove Hall Main Streets will be making grants up to \$2,500 to individuals, groups and non-profits, who have projects that help the Grove Hall community.

These grants are designed to increase civic engagement and the improvement of the Grove Hall community. Please complete an application at <https://bit.ly/3ct7nfK>. For questions or additional information please email Greatergrovehallmainstreet@gmail.com.



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GREATER GROVE HALL

MAIN STREETS



BLACK WOMEN LEAD!



Celebrate A Black Woman Leader by Nominating Her for Recognition

Historically, Black women have made significant contributions to the Greater Boston area. To honor their contributions, Greater Grove Hall Main Streets will select 100 Black women from historical figures such as Phillis Wheatley to contemporary figures like Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, to be featured on banners in the Grove Hall area. You can help by nominating historical Black women such as Elizabeth Freeman or living legends whose major accomplishments took place in the Boston area.

We seek to celebrate Black women who have demonstrated leadership in a number of areas such as the arts, business, education, healthcare, politics and social work to name a few. Nominations or questions can be emailed to Ed Gaskin at Greatergrovehallmainstreet@gmail.com. This project is underwritten with a grant from the Kraft Family Foundation.

Nominations

There are numerous Black women who have contributed to the Boston area. Please help us understand why your nomination is one of the top Black women leaders in Boston's

history. In 150 words, please describe her accomplishments and why she is deserving of recognition in the Black Women Lead Banner Project. Also, please tell us if anything has been named after her. You can nominate more than one woman, but you can only nominate her once.

There are several ways to submit nominations.

You can complete a nomination form at <http://Bit.ly/3crx5Ae>, email your answers to Greatergrovehallmainstreet@gmail.com, or post your reply on the Greater Grove Hall Main Streets facebook page.

GREATER GROVE HALL
MAIN STREETS

LISC INSTITUTE



Small Business Administration: Shuttered Venue Operators Grants (SVOG) Program

Monday, April 5th

2-3pm ET

LISC will be holding a webinar on Small Business Administration's newly created Shuttered Venue Operators Grants (SVOG) Program. The SBA is expected to start accepting applications for the program on April 8th, with awards being provided on a

rolling basis. This webinar will provide information on program eligibility and application preparation, with an emphasis on helping venues in underserved communities prepare for rollout through actionable steps and best practices.

The SBA is holding webinars to cover the basics of the program, as well as applicant eligibility and requirements. You can view all upcoming events and webinars [here](#). They have also launched a splash page for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant application portal in anticipation of opening grant applications for the critical economic relief program. You can [visit the SVOG portal here](#).

Moderator -

- Bill Taft, Senior Vice President, LISC Economic Development

Panelists -

- Michelle Harati, Policy Officer, LISC Policy
- Karleen Porcena, Senior Program Officer, LISC Economic Development
- Sean Watterson, Happy Dog Venue Owner, and Co-Chair of the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA) Implementation Task Force

Don't forget to register [here](#).

Black Directors' Network

Black Directors' Network Job Opportunity

The Black Directors' Network is seeking candidates for an Administrative Coordinator position ([see attached job description](#)). The application description and submission details are provided.

The deadline is April 10, 2021.

-- *Black Directors' Network*

[Click Here to See Job Description](#)

KING BOSTON ROUND-UP

Curated List of Upcoming Events



KING BOSTON'S EMBRACE THE PAGE | APRIL 27

Book Club Discussion on Coretta Scott King's autobiography: "My life, my love, my legacy"

Celebrate Coretta's birthday with us as we dive into her autobiography "My Life, My Love, My Legacy." Through this exploratory conversation, we hope to gain a better understanding of the woman who helped to lead a movement that would change the world. A movement to build "The Beloved Community, a prescription for a healthy society."

RSVP Today!



KING Boston

NEW BOSTON COALITION MEETING | APRIL 28

Meeting #2

The New Boston Coalition holds space for a BIPOC led movement to realize a multi-racial democracy and a radically equitable and inclusive Boston grounded in the values of love, collectivism, imagination, being BIPOC centric, and seven generations thinking. No single group or person has all the answers and we trust that bringing the right people together will point to new ways of being and acting towards the realization of the Beloved Community where we all thrive and care for one another.

Join us for our next meeting on April 28th from 3-4pm to learn more. [Register here!](#)

The New Boston Coalition centers equity and wellbeing as the pathways to dismantle White supremacy culture and structural racism, the progeny of colonialism and slavery which burst on the world scene in the late 1400s and has resulted in an American system of racialized oppression.

We are inviting members to adopt the Black Mass Coalition's Blueprint for a New World and the Wellbeing Blueprint and will be tracking progress against these two frameworks over at least the next year. Members confirm their commitments through signing of the New Boston Coalition Partnership Manifesto.

[**Become a member!**](#)

NUBIAN NIGHTS | ENDS APRIL 11

"The Sights & Sounds of Jazz in Roxbury"

This 3-week virtual multi-media experience launched on Mar. 26th and will run for three consecutive weekends through April 11th, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights from 7-10PM.

The free 1-hour installation will integrate sound and illumination at three of the district's up-and-coming cultural anchors: Jazz Urbane Café in the Bruce Bolling Building, Black Market, and the Nubian Gallery. Featuring musical performances by an internationally renowned roster of musicians and multimedia art exhibitions this event will highlight the enduring legacy of jazz music throughout the District. [Find more info here!](#)

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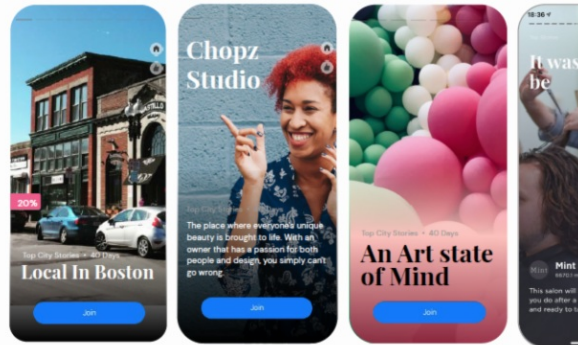
Welcome to B-Local, new mobile app that engages members of the community and rewards them with *Boston Points*, a new reward system for shopping locally.

B-Local, funded by the City of Boston, helps businesses to attract and engage more customers and increase revenue, while creating a more vibrant and connected Boston.



Boston Stories

This in app tool is designed to empower community members to **shop local** and experience their city like never before. Boston can shine a spotlight on local stories around the City and rewards residents with *Boston Points* for supporting local and **independent businesses** like yours.



[Click Here to Learn More](#)

[Click Here for More Information](#)

RESTAURANT RECOVERY Webinar Series

FINANCE WEBINAR

April 13th

6:00 PM

To register:

<http://bit.ly/sbw41321>

EMPLOYMENT LAW

WEBINAR

April 27th

6:00 PM

To register: <http://bit.ly/sbw42721>



Economic Development

Creative Economy Webinar

Social Media Marketing For Creative Businesses

→ **April 15th**
5:00-7:00 PM
Register at: <http://bit.ly/sbw41521>



City of Boston
Mayor Kim Janey



Learn to Code THIS SUMMER!

If you are thinking about having your kid learn to code...These two months are the PERFECT time to get started!

So don't let this holiday turn into a frenzy of unproductive screen-time and leisure, and make sure your child learns something MEANINGFUL.

They can make new friends, and do something FUN! They'll absolutely LOVE our classes! You can take parents' word for it:

"Code Wiz is a HAPPY place where kids can't wait to create, collaborate, learn, discover, and have tons of fun. My daughter literally wants to live there. She loves it so much."

"The only online activity during which my child laughed a lot while learning. It was so great to overhear from the other room. It's a fantastic summer online camp!"

Code Wiz is a super-fun and safe environment, and you don't have to worry about it being 'just another online class.' We'll keep your child engaged and happy...even online!

Give your child a head start on success with top-notch coding education (They'll thank you

later for it).

Sign for our Summer Camp now! Click below to find out more!

[Learn More About Our 2021 Summer Coding Camps!](#)

STEPRox Recovery Support Center's Virtual Calendar

This is our current weekly calendar for Virtual Support Groups:

[Click Here for the Virtual Calendar](#)



2021 Filing Season Awareness Discussions - New Hampshire

This is a reminder that the IRS Stakeholder Liaison office continues to hold Free Tax Services & Filing Season Awareness discussions during March and April. These meetings are focusing on providing information for individuals, especially those that are underserved or who may not have a filing requirement. We want to ensure that they are aware of benefits available to them and various federal filing season information including:

- Free tax preparation services
- Stimulus / Economic Impact Payments
- Recovery Rebate Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Unemployment Benefits

Please join us and share the attached flyers with any individuals you serve who could benefit from these meetings. Participants just need to click on the link below to join the meeting or call in using the phone number provided on the attached flyers.

Thursday, April 15th, 10:00 am – 11:00 am (English)

Join Zoom meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://irs.zoomgov.com/j/1605006314?pwd=TDdQYTAvNEVqKzVkaVBVYkIFMktWZz09>

Wednesday, April 14th, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Spanish)

Join Zoom meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://irs.zoomgov.com/j/1605330241pwd=MIB0QnV6Z2FYMDB5bTMvQ2xvb1JhUT09>

DATE CHANGE FOR THIS EVENT *** The Sankofa Group / with Special Guest: Deborah Shariff is Changed to / Saturday April 17 @ 1 p.m.

The next meeting will be on April 17th at 1 p.m.

Zoom information for that meeting will be forthcoming.

On April 17th at 1 p.m. please join the Sankofa Group in welcoming author, educator, and filmmaker, Deborah Shariff. March is Women's History Month and Deborah is a history maker! She is a tireless advocate for her community and for civil rights. Deborah inspires us, and she will inspire you!

She earned a Master's degree in Communications from Boston University and a BA in African American History, also from Boston University. Currently, she is a Professor of New Digital Media at Massasoit Community College.

Deborah will be discussing her books, *Grand Pop's Young Readers Series* and *Grand Pop's Stories*. You can purchase the books at the links provided here:

<https://payhip.com/b/zlnN>

<https://payhip.com/b/SM1s>

Hope to see you there!

Coalition for an Equitable Economy

Check out the newly launched CEE website (www.maequitableeconomy.org). CEE is the natural outgrowth from a number of state-wide efforts, including MEPPAI, that advocate for an equitable economy for minority communities. It was launched on Tuesday with the release of a MassINC report, "[Unleashing the Potential of Entrepreneurs of Color in Massachusetts: a Blueprint for Economic Growth and Equitable Recovery](#)".

RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND (RRF) - The official guidance for the RRF is still being crafted by the SBA. The **Independent Restaurant Coalition**, which is involved in the formulation of the bill and the design of the fund, has been hosting frequent webinars and is one of the most reliable sources of information on the subject. Some of the webinars are archived and available [HERE](#). What we know so far:

- RFF is a grant program for independent food businesses, including restaurants, bars, food trucks, catering, with less than 20 locations and not publicly traded (Shake Shack need not apply).
- Max grant amount is based on the drop in revenue from 2019 to 2020.
- You can have PPP and apply for RFF; but the PPP amount will be deducted from the maximum RFF grant amount
- There are different formulas to calculate max grant amount, for those opened in 2019, 2020, fully or partially. You can read my notes from one of the IRC webinars in a newly created [shared folder for RRF information](#).
- Veteran, women, or minority-owned businesses with less than \$500,000 in gross revenue will have a 21-day exclusivity period at the beginning to apply. A set-aside of \$5b is available for V/W/MBEs.
- DUNS number and a SAM.gov account are no longer required.
- SBA guidance on RRF is expected soon after the [Shuttered Venue Operator Grant](#) (SVOG) roll-out on April 8th.
- We hope to coordinate and work with Commonwealth Kitchen on outreach and information sessions
- For those who have business clients eligible for SVOG, there is a [LISC webinar on April 5th](#) hosted by LISC NY.

SMALL FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS RESILIENCE SERIES

APRIL 19TH
4:00-5:00PM

*Business Resilience Best
Practices and Succession
Planning*



APRIL 20TH
4:00-5:00PM

*Paths to Mitigate Business
Loss During a
Crisis*

RSVP TODAY: <http://bit.ly/smallbizworkshop1>

Free workshop! Small Business Resilience: Best Practices, Succession Planning, and Mitigating Business Loss

This workshop will run twice (once in English and once in Spanish)

Esta serie se presentará dos veces (una en inglés y otra en español. Detalles más abajo)

English language workshop - please [click for details!](#)

[Register here!](#)

SERIE DE RESILIENCIA PARA PEQUEÑAS EMPRESAS

12 DE ABRIL
4:00-5:00PM

*Mejores prácticas de
resiliencia empresarial y
planificación de la sucesión*



13 DE ABRIL
4:00-5:00PM

*Rutas para mitigar las
pérdidas comerciales
durante una crisis*

RSVP TODAY: <http://bit.ly/smallbizworkshop2>

Serie en español: haga clic aquí para mas detalles!

[Regístrese aquí!](#)

Full link (English): https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IQWIKGJFQaO-_InjQQQIsQ

Full link (Spanish): https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UI1-Bt5QTLKdWwyznl9vtQ



OPERATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA
mass.gov/osd

State Seeks Bidders for the TRD01 Tradespersons Statewide Contract

The Operational Services Division (OSD) is seeking qualified bidders for the TRD01 Tradespersons Statewide Contract in the following categories: Plumbing Services and Solar Array Inspection Services. Interested bidders should review the [Request for Response \(RFR\) documents in COMMBUYS](#).

Important Deadlines

- **March 30, 2021, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.** - Pre-Bid Conference - [Register to attend](#);
- **April 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.** - Q & A Deadline;
- **April 29, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. EST** - Quote Submission Deadline.*Late submissions will not be accepted.

Resources

- Watch the *How to Locate and Respond to Bid Solicitations* [video](#). Link to additional training resources [here](#);
- Contact the OSD Help Desk at 888-MA-State or OSDHelpDesk@mass.gov.

**Acknowledge the bid to be apprised of any updates/amendments to the bid, including changes to the bid opening date/due date. To receive these updates, login to COMMBUYS, navigate to the bid using the Advanced Search, and select "Yes" on the Acknowledge Receipt and View Solicitation window. You must be a COMMBUYS registered vendor to take this action. Contact the [OSD Help Desk](#) for assistance.*

[Review the Bid Documents](#)

**BOSTON
COMMUNITY
VACCINE SITES**

Boston Community Vaccine Sites

Boston Medical Center has partnered with our community health centers and local organizations to open five public vaccination sites in Boston. Please note, you must have a scheduled appointment in order to be vaccinated at any of these sites.

Hyde Park @Menino YMCA

7:00-11:00AM & 5:00-9:00 PM (M-F)

Mattapan @Morning Star Baptist Church

8:00-4:00PM (M, T, TH, F)

Roslindale @17th Corinth Street

8:00-4:00PM (M-Sat)

Dorchester @Russell Auditorium

8:30-4:30PM (M-Sat)

Boston Medical Center @85 East Concord Street

8:00-5:00PM (M-F)

Interested in Getting the Vaccine?

If you're currently eligible according to Massachusetts state guidelines, you can book an appointment at any of these sites at: www.bmc.org/covid-19-vaccine-locations

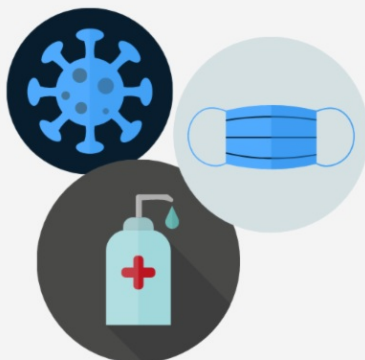
If you're having trouble scheduling at the above link, or are interested in being contacted by BMC when you are eligible to be vaccinated, please fill out our COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form: www.bmc.org/VaccineInterest

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

[Click Here to Learn More \(Spanish\)](#)

**COVID-19 SAFETY
SERIES**

This unique piece of training is designed specifically for food businesses on COVID-19 safety, State of Massachusetts reopening guidelines, and best practices.



**COVID-19 TRAINING FOR
FOOD BUSINESS**

Monday, April 12th
12:00-2:00pm.

Register at:

bit.ly/boscovidfoodbiz



City of Boston
Mayor Kim Janey



Economic Development

COVID-19 Vaccinations -- Contact Harvard Street to Schedule Appointments!

Dear Colleagues and Community Partners,

At Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, we are building our vaccine reservation list now, in anticipation of the expanded phase for giving vaccines on April 19, 2021. If you know people or groups needing to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine, please have them contact you with the below information and you can send me the list or have them call Harvard Street at 617-825-3400 (with the below information) to schedule an appointment.

- Full name
- Date of Birth
- Phone Number
- Address
- Language
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Insurance Number

Please keep in mind that as of the 19th, people ages 16 and older will become eligible for vaccinating.

Hotline for Vaccine

The state is launching a hotline for homebound people eligible for the vaccine to call to reserve a time to get the shot at their residence. The number, Baker said is **844-771-1628** and open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Commonwealth Care Alliance, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit, will conduct the homebound vaccinations for the state.

FEMA to Help Pay for Funeral Costs for COVID Related Deaths

FEMA to help pay for funeral costs for COVID related deaths.

This is for funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020 for a death attributed to COVID-19. To see

if you qualify to apply:

<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20210324/fema-help-pay-funeral-costs-covid-19-related-deaths>

[Visit Our Website](#)

