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Coalition to Back Black Businesses Grants

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WASHINGTON, DC—The Coalition to Back Black Business (CBBB) recently announced it has awarded \$5,000 grants to three hundred twenty-four Black small business owners representing forty states, District of Columbia, and the United States Virgin Islands, delivering on its mission to advance the long-term success and resilience of America's Black-owned small businesses.

The CBBB is a multi-year initiative founded in 2020 by the United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation with a \$10 million commitment from American Express to support Black small business owners and the communities they serve as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and chart a path forward.

The initiative is led in partnership with four national Black business organizations: the National Black Chamber of Commerce; the National Business League; the United States Black Chambers, Inc.; and Walker's Legacy. This year, the program also received support from Cummins, Optimum, and Shopify. "Strong small businesses make strong communities, and we're proud of the CBBB's impact in helping them create jobs and opportunities," said Carolyn Cawley, president of the US Chamber Foundation. "By combining grants, mentorship, and long-term resources, CBBB is helping small business owners create distinction from competitors, better meet customer demand, and stay current on business necessities such as rent, utilities, and payroll. We're honored to be able to support their growth and resilience, now and in the long term."

How CBBB Grantmaking Helps

When asked how the \$5,000 grant helped their businesses, this round of recipients shared that:

- 56% used the funds to invest in new marketing and advertising—at a time when 63% report an increase in competition
- 45% expanded or replaced inventory
- 40% paid rent, and another 40% paid utilities and other bills
- 37% directed it to payroll
- 16% repaid debts or loans, and
- 9% bought personal protective equipment



Seventy percent of this round of grantees have fewer than five employees and seventy-two percent have been in business for less than five years, highlighting how CBBB is supporting businesses during their most critical time—the start-up and

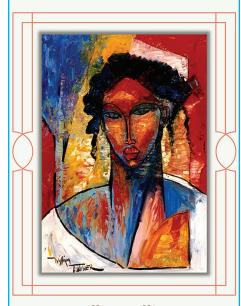
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Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, West Virginia Women's Business Center Contact: Melissa Loder, 304-623-7448, Melissa.Loder@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required

The West Virginia Women's Business Center is hosting a valuable webinar on the System for Awards Management (SAM.gov). Join us as Melissa Loder (SBA's West Virginia District Office) and Sommer Straight (RCAC Procurement Technical Assistance Center—PTAC) guide you through how to register for your SAM.gov account. They will also provide tips, FAQs, and directions on where to get additional assistance, as well as answer questions you may have. To register, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ getting-registered-in-the-system-for-awardmanagement-samgov-tickets-483757992177

Selling to the Federal Government Webinar Thursday, February 23, 2023, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration Contact: George Tapia, 610-382-3086, george.tapia@sba.gov

george.tapia@sba.gov Fee: Free; registration required

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world? Interested in learning how your business can market your services or goods to the federal government? Register on line at https://www. eventbrite.com/e/how-to-sell-to-the-federalgovernment-tickets-21790713611 SBA helps to ensure small businesses get fair opportunities to share federal government prime contracts. Topics will include: How to Register, Small Business Certifications, Finding Opportunities, Marketing Your Firm, Federal Supply Schedules, Getting Paid, Tips to Prepare Your Offer, How to Seek Additional Assistance. All training sessions are held via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Participants must ensure Microsoft Teams is functioning.

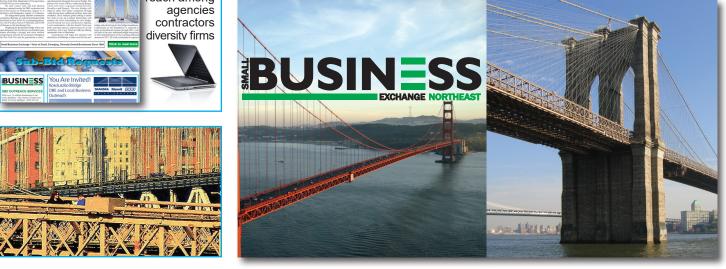
SBA and SOS Monthly Webinar

Thursday, March 2, 2023, 9:00 am–11:00 am Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division

Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miguel.moralez@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required Starting a new business? Looking for capital and finance options? Looking for general advice on starting or maintaining your business? Hear from representatives from the local SBA office and the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division. This workshop (currently held online during the pandemic) is offered on the first Thursday of every month. To join this free webinar, copy and paste the link below into your browser, then register for tickets for the date of your choice to receive the access code. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/secretary-ofstate-quickstart-and-small-business-administration-programs-tickets-262004180557



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