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Upcoming Events



EntrePalooza Virtual Small Business & Entrepreneurship Conference
hosted by Southwest Partnership
Saturday, August 21, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This conference is aimed at entrepreneurs who are just starting out and established entrepreneurs look to take their business to the next level.

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Paul E. Taylor, Director, Mayor's Office of Small, Minority and Women Business

To view flier, click [here](#)

To view conference schedule, click [here](#)

To register, click [here](#)

For more information, contact Curtis Eady at 443-540-0230.

**2021 Baltimore City Department of Public Works Small Business
Development Growth By Design Training Program – Register Today!**
Open Enrollment through August 23, 2021!

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For more information, call 410-618-0100; email: Email: sbd@baltimorecity.gov or visit: publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/smallbusinessdevelopment.

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**BGE Energizing Small Business Grants Program
September 1 - October 13, 2021**

On January 20, BGE will launch its Energizing Small Business Grants Program as part of its \$15 million pledge to assist small businesses with COVID-19 relief and recovery. This is a component of BGE's comprehensive Customer Relief and Energy Infrastructure Investment Plan, designed to help the state's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the [BGE Energizing Small Business Grants Program](#), eligible businesses located in BGE's service area will have three opportunities to apply for grants of up to \$20,000:

To be eligible, a business must have between two and 25 employees, less than \$7 million in annual revenue, a demonstrated need for support, a strong plan for moving forward, and be in good standing with the state of Maryland.

**MBE/DBE/ACDBE/SBE Application Assistance Webinar hosted by Maryland
Department of Transportation Office of Small and Minority Business Policy
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

Find out if certification as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE), and/or Small Business Enterprise (SBE) is right for your business. Learn the benefits of certification, the application process, eligibility standards, as well as

business development and marketing tips. If you have any questions, email mdotmbeoutreach@mdot.maryland.gov.

To register, click [here](#)

**Event: MBE/DBE/ACDBE/SBE Application Assistance Webinar hosted by
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Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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**CEO Briefing: Empowerment through Entrepreneurship in Covid-19 hosted
by the Presidents Roudtable
September 16, 2021
11:30: a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
The Arundel Preserve
7795 Arundel Mills Blvd, Hanover, MD 21076**

All business owners have been impacted in one way or another by Covid-19. Join The Presidents' Roundtable for an in-person event as they discuss ways in which we can empower one another and our communities through entrepreneurship. Maggie Anderson, the Author of "Our Black Year" will host virtual opening remarks, followed by a panel with Mr. Ron Busby, CEO of The U.S. Black Chambers, and Dr. George Fraser will be our Keynote Speaker. Lunch and beverages will be provided. The Presidents Roundtable are asking for individuals to wear a mask when not eating or drinking.

To view flier, click [here](#)

To register, click [here](#)

**Nominations are now open for the
47th Annual Mayor's Business Recognition Awards
Nominations Due by October 1, 2021**

Each year the Mayor of the City of Baltimore joins with the Greater Baltimore Committee and the Baltimore Development Corporation to recognize businesses that have demonstrated significant leadership and service to improve the quality of life in Baltimore. We invite you to nominate your company or another deserving company for the 2021 Mayor's Business Recognition Award.

The awards are given for specific activities or projects between June 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021, that have significantly benefited Baltimore City and are outside the regular mission or day-to-day work or activities of the business.

For more information regarding nominations and to nominate a deserving business, click [here](#)

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Byrd, Director of Events and Business Development, at 410-727-2820 or lisab@qbc.org.

**Project Restore Grant Opportunities from The Maryland Department of
Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
Applications Due on October 8, 2021**

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is administering \$25 million to provide financial support to Maryland's new or expanding businesses to help incentivize commercial investment in vacant retail and commercial properties.

Project Restore will provide two grant opportunities for businesses that plan on opening or expanding into previously vacant spaces:

Rental Assistance Grant:

The maximum grant request amount is \$30,000 for one year (rental payment up to \$2,500 per month). Applicant's monthly rent can exceed \$2,500, but the maximum that will be paid by the Rental Assistance Grant will be \$2,500 per month. Only applications that are fully complete at submission will be considered for funding.

Business Operations Grant:

The maximum grant award amount is \$250,000 for 1 or 2 years. The Business Operations Grant can be used for activities and costs related to sustaining and growing the business such as staff costs, capital improvements, marketing, inventory and supplies, utilities and the like and cannot be used for executive salaries or bonuses. Grant awards will be paid quarterly and will be based on the amount of sales and use tax generated by the business and submitted to the State in Calendar Year 2022. Only applications that are fully complete at submission will be considered for funding.

For more information regarding requirements and applications click [here](#)

**Nominations are now open for the
2021 Bridging the Gap Achievement Awards
Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

The Bridging the Gap initiative is dedicated to evolving the business culture of Greater Baltimore by developing and fostering relationships between majority, minority, and

women-owned businesses. In addition to promoting a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all organizations, the Bridging the Gap initiative provides targeted support and programming to help minority and women-owned businesses in Greater Baltimore succeed and grow.

Each year, through the Bridging the Gap Achievement Awards, the GBC recognizes exceptional minority, women-owned, majority businesses and executives who nurture the development of minority and women-owned businesses in Greater Baltimore and Maryland.

To nominate a deserving business, click [here](#)

Please submit all nominations by September 13, 2021.

Winners will be recognized at an in-person Bridging the Gap Achievement Awards Recognition Ceremony on November 10, 2021.

More details to be announced soon.

Workshops

To view a list of the upcoming workshops and events hosted by the Small Business Resource Center, click [here](#)