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## Upcoming Events



### **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.

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### **National Small Business Week hosted by the U.S Small Business Administration Tuesday, September 13, 2021 - Thursday, September 15, 2021**

The SBA announced its 2021 [National Small Business Week Virtual Summit](#) (NSBW) for September 13-15, 2021. The virtual summit will honor the nation's 30 million small businesses for their perseverance, ingenuity, triumphs, and creativity.

Watch Administrator Guzman's announcement. | [Video Message](#)

To view flier, click [here](#)

To register, click [here](#)

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**Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program Webinar hosted by  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Join this webinar to discover how the SBA's COVID-19 relief EIDL can help your small business recover and rebuild.

To view flier, click [here](#)

To register, click [here](#)

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**CEO Briefing: Empowerment through Entrepreneurship in Covid-19 hosted  
by the Presidents' Roundtable  
Thursday, 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](#)

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**2021 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Awards Call for Nominations hosted by  
Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs  
Nominations due Friday, September 17, 2021**

Do you know a member of Baltimore's Hispanic/Latino community who has made outstanding contributions? Nominate someone for a Hispanic Heritage Award TODAY!

Nominations must be received by Friday, September 17, 2021, and nominees whose work has provided assistance to those impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will be given priority. Individuals can be nominated in one of the following categories:

- Emerging leader - must be 21 years of age or under
- Educator - works in education or training in the Latino community, any field
- Service Provider - works for a non-profit organization or business that serves the Latino community
- Volunteer - works with the Latino community above and beyond their job responsibilities; must be 22 years of age or over
- Delfina Haydee Pereda Echeverria Award - for a community member whose work demonstrates the bridge building and compassion of the late Delfina Haydee Pereda Echeverria

For more information and to submit a nomination, click [here](#)

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Virtual 2021 National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week –**  
**Reimagining Opportunities: Building Back Better, Together! hosted by**  
**Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)**  
**Sunday, September 19 – Saturday, September 25, 2021**

The conference celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of minority-owned companies and presents informational sessions and programming; offering interactive networking sessions to generate new connections and fresh perspectives.

To view flier, click [here](#)

For more information, visit <https://www.mbda.gov/medweek-2021>

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**Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program Webinar hosted by**  
**U.S. Small Business Administration**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Join this webinar to discover how the SBA's COVID-19 relief EIDL can help your small business recover and rebuild.

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To register, click [here](#)

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Inaugural Buy MBE Day hosted by MBDA**  
**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

In honor of National Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week), the inaugural Buy MBE Day, promoting minority business enterprises, is coming. Join the celebration hosted by MBDA's national network of Business Centers, Advanced Manufacturing Centers, Export Centers, and Federal Procurement Center!

To view flier, click [here](#)

For more information, visit <https://www.mbda.gov/buymbeday>

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**Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program Webinar hosted by**  
**U.S. Small Business Administration**  
**Tuesday, September 29, 2021**  
**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Join this webinar to discover how the SBA's COVID-19 relief EIDL can help your small business recover and rebuild.

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To register, click [here](#)

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**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@gbc.org](mailto:lisab@gbc.org).

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**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](#)

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**13th Annual Meet & Greet Virtual Event hosted by Baltimore County**  
**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

To view flier, click [here](#)

More details to follow

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**Downtown Partnership of Baltimore's 2021 Annual Meeting hosted by**  
**Downtown Partnership of Baltimore**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2021**  
**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**One Charles Center, 100 North Charles Street**  
**Baltimore, MD 21201**

Downtown Partnership's Annual Meeting presented by BGE is chance to celebrate a year's worth of accomplishments and progress for Downtown Baltimore.

The evening will feature remarks from Shelonda Stokes and elected officials, the areas BEST networking, open bar, and light bites from some of our favorite Downtown vendors.

For more information and to register, click [here](#)

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Economic Forecast hosted by Central Maryland Chamber**  
**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Plan to attend to get first hand insight in the region's potential for economic recovery and growth.

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**Nominations are now open for the  
2021 Bridging the Gap Achievement Awards hosted by  
Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC)  
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.**

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## **Workshops**

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