



Bernard C. "Jack" Young  
Mayor

## Upcoming Events



### Mayor Young Announces Multi-Million Dollar Aid Package for Baltimore's Small Businesses

***Initiative Establishes a \$5.5 Million Fund to assist local businesses, and creates a COVID-19 Small Business Task Force to focus on Baltimore's re-opening and continued recovery***

Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young announced the COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Initiative, which establishes the COVID-19 Small Business Task Force, a public-private partnership, and a \$5.5 million fund to provide financial assistance to small businesses, as well as other resources and guidelines to help businesses reopen, without compromising public health, once the State of Emergency is lifted.

The \$5.5 million fund will be administered by the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) in the following manner:

- **Manufacturing and Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** As an expansion of BDC and Made In Baltimore's initial grant program, \$500,000 will be allocated to provide grants to Baltimore makers and manufacturers producing PPE and for the city to purchase PPE from these manufacturers for our first responders and front line employees.
- **Neighborhood Business Reopening Initiative:** BDC will oversee efforts to develop and implement designs to reconfigure public right of way and public spaces to maximize outdoor seating and other business needs to provide ways to create more social distancing in Main Streets, and Retail Business License Districts (RBDs) and certain commercial districts. This \$1.5 million initiative may include the use of parklets, public information graphics & signage, and design elements to encourage people to patronize local businesses in a manner consistent with public health best practices.
- **Small Business Assistance Fund:** BDC will administer a \$3.5 million grant fund on behalf of Baltimore City to provide financial assistance to small business enterprises (SBE) in certain commercial areas. Businesses may apply for up to \$15,000 in grants for expenses such as rent, payroll and purchase of PPE that may be necessary as they plan to reopen. A portion of this fund will be set aside for businesses, which have been unable to qualify for federal aid. SBEs will be required to complete an application to request funding and provide necessary documentation.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply will be available, click [here](#) by May 4, 2020.

**National Small Business Week 2-Day Virtual Conference  
Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6, 2020  
11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**The U.S. Small Business Administration and the SCORE Association will host a free, 2-Day Virtual Conference during National Small Business Week.**

Registration is free to the public. Participate in all the webinars or pick and choose the topics you like. You will also have the opportunity to meet other business owners and chat with industry experts. The Virtual Conference offers all the best parts of an in-person conference, but without the hassle of traveling.

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

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**MBE/DBE/ACDBE/SBE Application Assistance Workshop  
by Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Office of Small and Minority Business Policy  
Tuesday, June 2, 2020  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Headquarters  
7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076.  
Photo ID required at Security Desk**

MDOT's Office of Small, Minority and Business Policy conducts this free monthly workshop for firms interested in applying for certification as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) and/or Small Business Enterprise (SBE).

To register, click [here](#)

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Tuesday, June 2, 2020  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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**Save the Date!!!**  
**36th Annual Maryland Small Business Week Awards Luncheon**  
**Thursday, June 4, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Martin's West, 6817 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21244**

This premiere awards luncheon will celebrate the contributions of Maryland's small businesses.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#)

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**Save the Date!!!**  
**Associated Black Charities of Maryland's 35th Annual Gala**  
**Saturday, June 6, 2020**  
**Martin's West, 6817 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21244**

To view flier, click [here](#)

To register, click [here](#)

To become a sponsor, click [here](#)

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact Anike Coates at [acoates@abc-md.org](mailto:acoates@abc-md.org) or 443-524-7728.

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**MBE/DBE/ACDBE/SBE Application Assistance Workshop**  
**by Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Small and**  
**Minority Business Policy**  
**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Headquarters, 7201**  
**Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076.**  
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**Maryland's Top 100 Women hosted by The Daily Record  
Monday, July 27, 2020  
4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, 202 East Pratt Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202**

Maryland's Top 100 Women recognizes high-achieving Maryland women who are making an impact through their leadership, community service and mentoring. Winners are selected by past Top 100 Women and business leaders. Three-time winners are inducted into the Circle of Excellence.

To register, click [here](#)

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## **Workshops**

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