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telling you to  
leave your home?**

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We're here to help.**

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## Informational Video Series for Tenants Facing Eviction

We are excited to share the [first four videos](#) in the **Facing an Eviction** community legal education series. These videos encourage tenants facing eviction to stay in their homes, apply for rental assistance, and get legal help.

**Now more than ever, it is essential that we get these messages out to our communities.**

Please share these videos today with your community. We posted the videos on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

We also encourage you to embed these videos in your newsletters, play these videos at community events, and send these videos to partners who can help spread the word. You can access and share the videos through [Vimeo](#). Subtitles are available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

**Together, we can make sure tenants across Massachusetts know about their rights and the resources available.** Thank you for all the work you do to help community members facing housing instability.

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## Eviction Legal Help Project is Preserving Tenancies

Last October, the [COVID Eviction Legal Help Project](#) (CELHP) was created through the Governor's Eviction Diversion Initiative. Since its inception, CELHP has provided legal help in over 3,650 eviction cases.

One person helped by CELHP is Ed - a veteran and former teacher who has lived in public housing in Fall River for twenty years. With legal representation and rental assistance, Ed was able to stop his eviction and stay in his home.



Ed's story represents an all-to-common experience during the pandemic. It also highlights the impact that CELHP and other Eviction Diversion programs have had over the past year.

Share this video so others know that help is available. You can:

- [Retweet](#) or [reshare](#) our posts,
- Forward this email to community partners,
- [Embed](#) the video in your newsletter, or
- [Download](#) the video to post on your own social media accounts.

Together, we can make sure tenants across Massachusetts know there are resources available to support them. Thank you for all the work you do to help your constituents facing housing instability.

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## Boston Small Business Covid Recovery Fund Checklist

Codman Square NDC and Greater Ashmont Main Street collaborated to compile a list of grants/loans available to small business owners in Boston and we wanted to share this resource with others who it might benefit. The [spreadsheet linked here](#) includes 17 different sources of funding, with links, as well as summary information on eligibility requirements, so businesses can easily scan to see which sources they may or may not qualify for.

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## Apply for the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau (GBCVB) Membership Focus Group!

The Membership Focus Group for the GBCVB application has opened! The link to the application can be found here: <https://www.bostonusa.com/members/focus-group/>

Please feel free to apply and please send to your businesses for their participation!



## **WELCOME TO THE GREATER BOSTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (GBCVB)**

For 45 years the GBCVB has been marketing Boston to visitors and promoting its member companies. The Bureau's primary objective is to accentuate the unique assets that make Boston a world-renowned city - to curate offerings, itineraries, and storytelling concepts that are compelling and accessible. Membership is a fundamental component of this undertaking; any business that touches the travel and tourism economy, even in an ancillary manner, benefits from the work being done by the Bureau. However, many of these businesses are not fully aware of how the Bureau operates, how they can leverage Bureau initiatives, or even how much they actually depend on the visitor economy.

### **WHY SHOULD YOU CONSIDER THE GBCVB?**

Membership connects the dots. It is a mutually beneficial investment between the Bureau and its partners. As we strive to tell a bigger, better, and broader Boston story - essentially a more authentic narrative - we are laser focused on the small businesses, eclectic neighborhoods, and vibrant cultural and commercial enclaves across Boston that we know visitors are eager to explore.

### **PARTNER WITH US**

We are bringing our membership proposition to new partners and communities and we need your help to do this effectively and authentically.

Please review and fill out the form on our site so that we can better understand your perspective on GBCVB membership.

[Review Form & Apply](#)

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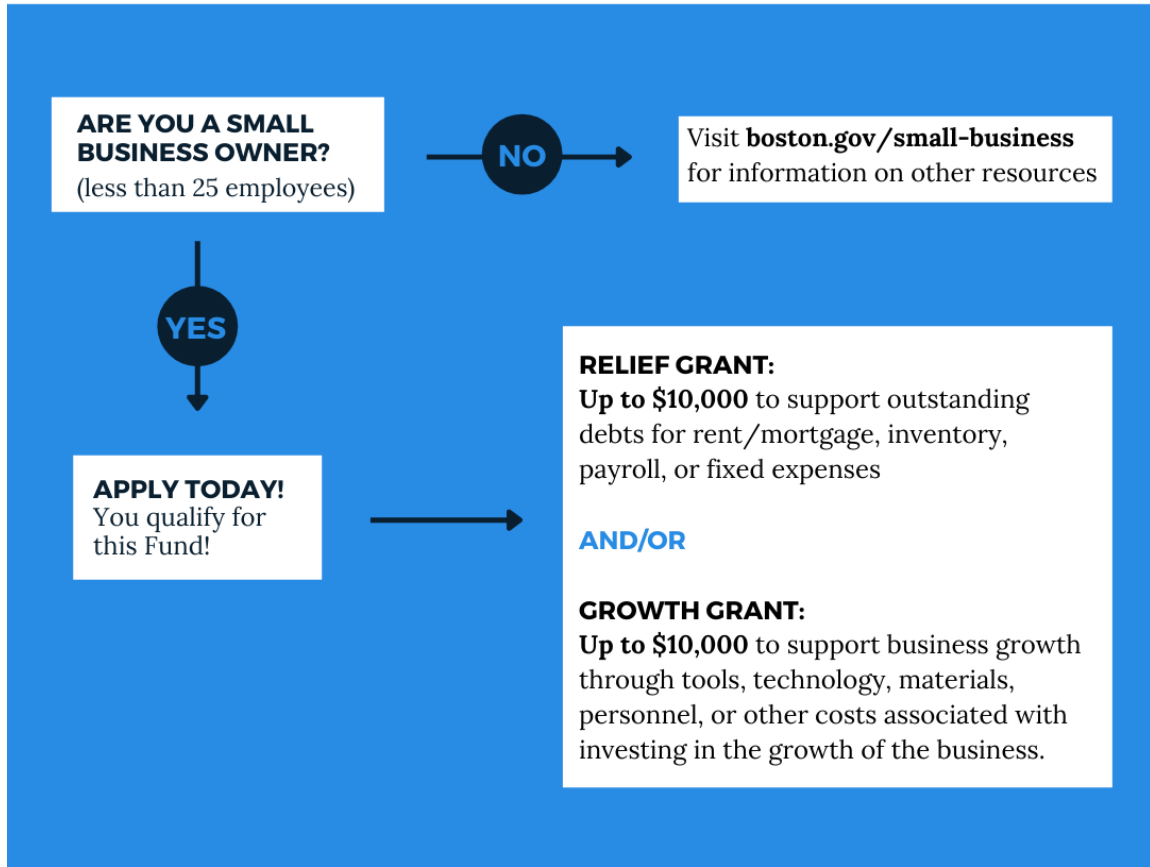
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## **Applications Are Open for the Small Business Relief Fund 2.0**

The Small Business Relief Fund 2.0 is open to small businesses in the City of Boston to aid business owners in their reopening and recovery from COVID-19. Learn more about the application process and eligibility of this grant program on today's call!

# SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF FUND 2.0

Grants for a thriving recovery



CITY of BOSTON

 Economic Development

 Mayor's Office of **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**



*Please take a moment to fill out the*

**2021 ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY SURVEY FOR  
SMALL BUSINESSES**

*[bit.ly/2021SBSurvey](https://bit.ly/2021SBSurvey)*

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# Destination Cuisine Series October 2021

Celebrating Local Chefs & Food

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

6:30 PM featuring  
**Chef Tamika R. Francis**  
**Founder, Food & Folklore**

Chef Francis, founder of Food & Folklore, where she and other chefs pay homage to global food tradition and highlights unrepresented foodways, centered around the question "What does home taste like for you?" where she explores travel, nostalgia, belonging identity, and the immigrant experience.

Join us in our kitchen for a mouthwatering cooking demo with Q & A. This is a **FREE** online event via Zoom.

Scan to Register:



**OR** use this link: [ufidestinationcuisinefallseries2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ufidestinationcuisinefallseries2021)

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# EQUITABLE ECONOMY

# ICYMI: CEE Legislative Action Alert - Sign on Letter Request

The Massachusetts Legislature is currently debating how to appropriate approximately \$5 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to address a wide range of issues from housing to transportation, to public health, to education and small business. The State is also developing a plan for how to implement \$136 million from the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). [Coalition for an Equitable Economy](#) *has developed recommendations for a total investment of \$1.1 billion* to accelerate its support for inclusive entrepreneurship and work to close the state's large racial wealth gaps. The Coalition is calling for investments in:

1. **Grants** directly to small businesses to support stabilization, strengthening, recovery and growth
1. Lower-cost **loans** from non-profit community lenders and banks to provide capital that would otherwise be unavailable to many small businesses
1. **Equity** investments for high-growth startups and moderate growth small businesses with a focus on BIPOC and women-owned businesses too often shut out of equity markets
1. Expanded **technical assistance** to ensure that businesses have the information, knowledge, and skills they need to succeed.

The **Coalition for Equitable Economy** is urging the members of the Community Business Network, Small Business Technical Assistance grantees and other small business supporters to help drive our advocacy on ARPA funding by doing two things:

- Contact your legislator on these priorities. You can find your Senators and Representatives [here](#). The Legislature is expected to act within the next few weeks, so we need to contact our elected officials as soon as possible.
- Co-Sign this letter to legislative leadership to demonstrate broad support for the Coalition's recommendations.

Attached is the suggested "talking points" to help you drive this important discussion with their legislators. You can also read the [Coalition's testimony to the Legislature about ARPA](#). The testimony provides more details on the specific program recommendations.

In addition, we are calling for our members to sign a letter addressed to the Chairs of Ways and Means Committee by clicking on the link below and agreeing to add your name/organization to the google document. Click [here](#) to access the google document, which contains a copy of the letter and signature sign on form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Please contact Katherine Martinez ([katherinem@macdc.org](mailto:katherinem@macdc.org)) if you have questions, or to let us know how your legislators respond.

**Please sign the letter by 10/06!!**



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The logo for The Trust for Public Land features the organization's name in a bold, white, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. The text is set against a green background that has a subtle gradient from a darker shade at the top to a lighter shade at the bottom.

# THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

## Boston Parks for People Internship Position

### MISSION

The Trust for Public Land ([www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)) is a national nonprofit organization with a mission of creating parks and protecting Land for People. Working in collaboration local communities—and with federal, state, and local public agencies— we help plan, fund, protect, and create parks and open spaces across the U.S., ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. The Trust for Public Land is currently working to ensure that everyone in America has a high-quality park or open space within a 10-minute walk of their home—and that new green spaces address our nation’s pressing equity, climate, and health challenges.

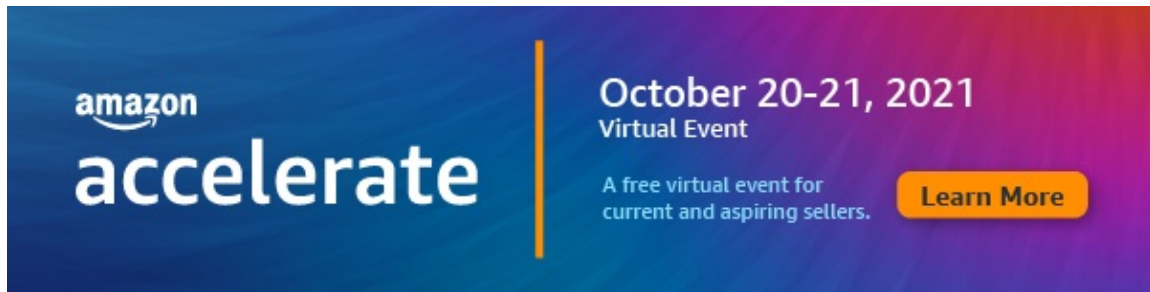
### GEOGRAPHY

From 30 offices nationwide, The Trust for Public Land works from Main Street to the mountaintops. Our Boston office serves Massachusetts and Rhode Island, where we are focused on creating quality urban green spaces in historically marginalized communities.

### POSITION

The Project Intern provides program, project, administrative, and other support for The Trust for Public Land's parks for people program. This position helps evaluate, plan, fund, complete, and promote park development, open space protection, green infrastructure, and special events projects.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



## Amazon Accelerate 2021

On October 20th and 21st 2021 Amazon will host its second annual Amazon Accelerate conference. This year's free virtual event will be held for current and aspiring sellers who want to succeed selling on Amazon. Amazon Accelerate 2021 will feature general sessions hosted by Amazon leaders, panels with Amazonians and selling partners, and in-depth sessions that cover selling on Amazon, shipping and fulfillment, advertising, building your brand, and global selling.

You'll hear directly from sellers and Amazon executives, including Amazon CEO Andy Jassy, Worldwide Consumer CEO Dave Clark, and Customer Trust & Partner Support VP Dharmesh Mehta.

[Register Today!](#)

Registration is free for both current and aspiring sellers.



## The Foundation of a Successful Business Webinar Series

The **Foundation of a Successful Business Series** consists of 10 webinars that will identify all of the key areas that startups and existing businesses should understand and address to have the best chance of achieving a successful and profitable business.

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## Starting Your Small Business

Oct 7 | Thurs | 12 pm

Starting a small business requires more knowledge, skills, perseverance and planning than meets the eye. Save valuable time and money starting here! This 2-hour workshop will help you clearly understand the details, challenges, opportunities and rewards of owning and operation your own business

[REGISTER](#)



## Preparing a Business Plan the Simpler Way

Oct 14 | Thurs | 12 pm

A business plan is the foundation for a successful business. Preparing one does not have to be overwhelming. This webinar will walk you through why a business plan is needed and how to prepare one.

[REGISTER](#)



## Building a Startup Budget

Oct 21 | Thurs | 12 pm

A startup budget will tell you how much cash you need to launch your business and how much cash you will need before you will make a profit. Preparing an annual operating budget is essential for all businesses. This webinar will walk your through a startup budget and an annual operating budget.

[REGISTER](#)

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## Coming Up Next in the Series...



Learn How to Sell Better  
Oct 28



Cash Flow Management  
Nov 4



All Things Legal for  
Small Businesses  
Nov 11



Financing a Small Business  
Nov 18



## Spatial Justice Grants

Interested in learning more about the Spatial Justice grant opportunities?

- [Watch this short webinar](#) for a brief overview of both grants.
- Visit the respective grant pages for **Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice** and **Public Art for Spatial Justice** for more details.
- **Attend a virtual info session or office hours** with our Public Art team

**And apply by October 18!**

### Upcoming Application Deadlines

- **October 18, 2021:** Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice
- **October 18, 2021:** Public Art for Spatial Justice
- **December 13, 2021:** Public Art Learning Fund
- **Rolling Deadline:** South Arts' Jazz Road Tours
- **Rolling Deadline:** National Theater Pealed Presenter Tavel Grant
- **Rolling Deadline:** National Dance Project Travel Fund



## Now Recruiting for Building Pathways Union Pre-Apprenticeship Program

**Actively seeking women applicants!**

Building Pathways Pre-Apprenticeship Program is looking for qualified people who want to jumpstart their careers as skilled building trades workers in construction and transportation. Building Pathways is a **FREE** 200-hour career exploration program with hands-on exposure to the trades – no prior experience needed. This program opens doors to an apprenticeship where you'll earn as you learn and gain benefits, a pension, and more for you and your family.

Our next training class will take place in February 2022 in Boston.

**For Questions, call us:**

Main: (617) 238-5292

Azell Martin: (617) 988-4091

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[Click Here to Learn More](#)



## Every House Has a History. *Want to know about yours?*

Request a House History from the Dorchester Historical Society!

Our volunteer researchers use extensive online resources to look for information about the original owner, year of construction, previous occupants, and more, for houses in Dorchester and Mattapan. A written report documents their findings.

Go to [www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org) and click House History dropdown to see completed histories and request individual house research.

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