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Dear Friends,

This week, Senator Shelley Mayer and I hosted a small business webinar with Tom Scaglione, Regional Director, Mid-Hudson Region and Huey-Min Chuang, Senior Director of Business & Economic Development of the Empire State Development (ESD) to provide an overview of state grant opportunities available to assist small businesses recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The webinar focused on the \$800 million Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program, eligibility criteria. Interested applicants can visit the Empire State Development link at www.nysmallbusinessrecovery.com to learn more. A number of other small business programs were also discussed. Information on all of these programs can be accessed at the Empire State Development link.

In addition to the one-time funding opportunities the webinar also covered the state's annual Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process which includes a centralized application process for a wide variety of grants from over 30 state agencies. There is \$750 million available in this round of funding for not-for-profits, businesses and local governments covering 30 different programs across 9 agencies. The CFA application deadline this year is **July 30 at 4pm**. Visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov> to learn more about CFA funding opportunities. Application materials and detailed descriptions of programs available can be downloaded from that site.

In addition, the NYS Council of the Arts (<https://arts.ny.gov/nysca-grant-opportunities>) and ArtsWestchester (<https://artswestchester.org/grants/>) have grant opportunities for arts organizations that are now live. Please visit their respective websites for more information.

Additional opportunities exist for [restaurants](#), non-profits, for-profit independent arts organizations, renters and homeowners.

I serve on an Assembly panel devoted to successfully moving New York past the Covid-19 economy and grant funding for small business was a major priority of mine in the state budget. These programs are the result of those efforts. My goal is to do everything I can to help Westchester organizations, businesses and individuals access assistance that is available. My staff and I are always available to help as questions arise. Please contact me at 914-939-7028 or at otiss@nyassembly.gov for assistance.

Warm regards,

(Click on the image below to be redirected to the webinar)



SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAMS

Empire State Development, New York State's key business agency: <https://esd.ny.gov>
[Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program](#)

Other key programs and information:

[Restaurant Resiliency Program](#):

[Restaurant Return to Work Tax Credit](#):

[NY Forward Loan Fund](#):

[ArtsWestchester Grant Program](#) (grants@artswestchester.org)

[NYS Council of the Arts](#)(help@arts.ny.gov).

[Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program - FAQ](#)
[Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program - Program Overview](#)
[Help Navigating State and Federal Small Business Assistance Programs](#)

NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Now Open

The CFA is now open with over \$750 million in funding available through more than 30 state programs. **CFA Deadline for many programs: 4:00 PM SHARP on July 30, 2021**

2021 guidelines and resources documents can be found on the MHREDC website at <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/mid-hudson>, including:

- [2021 Available Resources Guide](#)
- [2021 REDC Guidebook](#)
- [2021 CFA Program Webinars](#)
- [2021 CFA Application Guide](#)

Child Care Funding for Essential Workers

Governor Cuomo announced that New York State will provide \$25 million in child care scholarships to all essential workers starting June 23, 2021. [Essential workers](#) include first responders such as health care providers, pharmaceutical staff, law enforcement, firefighters, transportation workers, food delivery workers, grocery store employees and others. This is the first in a series of new investments to support working families and the child care industry through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Act.

Essential workers can use the funding to pay for their existing care arrangement, or for a new child care provider. Workers who need child care can contact their local [child care resource and referral agency](#) to find openings. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services will administer the funding.

Applications will be processed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to apply for the funding, please click [here](#).



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