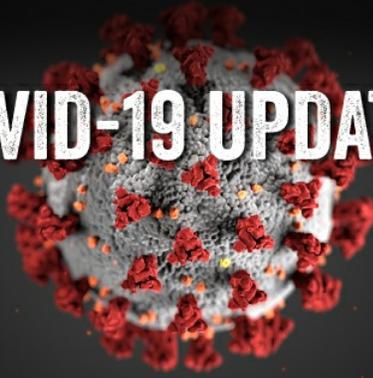


COVID-19 UPDATES & INFORMATION



April 14, 2022 Special Notice

ARPA Cash Aid Grants Offered Through Alameda County

Cash aid grants for local non-profits and business organizations that experienced the negative economic, health, and safety impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are now available through the District 1 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants.

Your organization must have experienced a negative economic impact created by COVID-19 for the period March 1, 2020 to the present to be eligible.

All qualifying local non-profits and business organizations interested in applying for the District 1 ARPA grants can [apply online](#) or [download and print the application](#) and submit to 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

If you have any questions regarding the ARPA grants, please reach out to Lawson Bell at 805-895-2199 or Lawson.Bell@acgov.org.



Alameda County

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Updated City of Dublin Business Resource Guide

The City of Dublin has updated its [Business Resource Guide](#) which provides a single comprehensive list of resources for small businesses navigating pandemic times.

Whether you are interested in information regarding grants, loans, mentoring, networking, or business financials, the Business Resource Guide provides links to and information about various resources at the federal, state, local, and private level.



Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program

Goldman Sachs leads their 10,000 Small Businesses Program, an investment to help small businesses grow and create jobs by providing them with greater access to education, capital, and business support services. To date, more than 10,000 business owners have graduated from the program across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

Through the [program](#), you will gain practical skills across topics such as financial statements negotiation, marketing, and employee management, and gain the tools to develop a customized business plan for growth—for free.

Tri-Valley Spring In-Person Job Fair - Wed., May 18

Together with Chabot Las Positas College, the Tri-Valley Career

Small Business Digital Alliance Offers Free Digital Tools for Small Businesses

The Small Business Digital Alliance (SBDA) published a comprehensive suite of free resources to help small businesses expand their customer base, manage their growth, find and retain talent, and enter new markets.



Small Business
Digital Alliance

These resources are being provided by some of America's most respected leaders in business, government, economic development, and other aligned spaces such as Amazon, Comcast, Google, Meta, PayPal, Principal Financial Group, Square (Block, Inc.), TriNet, Venmo, Verizon, Visa, and ZenBusiness. Since launching, the SBDA has brought on LinkedIn and Microsoft as national members.

Resources can be accessed [online](#) and the full SBDA announcement can also be read [online](#).

SBA Community Advantage Pilot Program Extended to 2024



Designed to meet the credit, management, and technical assistance needs of small businesses in underserved markets, the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Community Advantage Pilot Loan Program was launched during the Obama-Biden Administration and originally set to expire in September 2022.

The program was intended to provide mission-oriented lenders, primarily non-profit financial intermediaries focused on economic development, access to 7(a) loan guarantees previously for loans of only \$250,000 or less. Community Advantage continues to be the best avenue to allow mission-driven lenders to access SBA 7(a) loans.

On March 30, 2022, the SBA announced reforms for the Community Advantage Program that include:

- Extend the pilot program to September 30, 2024, providing more certainty for the Community Advantage program, which was set to end in September 2022.
- Lift the four-year lender moratorium and enable the SBA to grow this important lender network, opening up a critical capital program to more mission-based lenders across the country.
- Increase the maximum loan size, the new expanded number of lenders will be allowed to access the SBA's [7\(a\) government-guaranteed loan program](#) at lending levels up to \$350,000, which represent an increase over the current levels of \$250,000.
- Remove the restrictions that can keep individuals with criminal backgrounds from accessing the Community Advantage program.
- Simplify underwriting and collateral requirements for borrowers and lenders, including increasing the maximum unsecured loan size from \$25,000 to \$50,000, removing barriers that disproportionately impact underserved borrowers.
- Introduce additional abilities for lenders to make revolving lines of credit, interest-only periods, and other loan modifications that meet borrowers where they are to best serve their capital needs.
- Redefine packaging fee guidelines to better enable CDFIs, CDCs, and mission lenders participating in the Community Advantage program to scale and increase volume to underserved communities.

The full announcement can be viewed [online](#).

Upcoming Events/Webinars

- **[Recruiting in a Job Seekers Market Event](#), Wed., 4/13/22, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**
 - The [California Employers Association](#) and Alameda County Workforce Development Board will hold an informational event for employers looking to learn more about strategies around employee retention and engagement.
- **[SBA's Planning Your Business](#), Thu., 4/14/22, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**
 - Create a business plan that meets your needs. Businesses with a plan are six times more successful than a business without a plan.
- **[SBA's Owning and Investing in Real Estate for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs](#), Tue., 4/26/22, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**
 - Critical information for anyone interested in buying real estate, especially for small business owners looking to secure their long-term future by owning their property, plant and equipment.



California Department of Public Health Publishes Safe & SMART Events Playbook

The California Department of Public Health has released a [Safe and SMART Events Playbook](#), based on the [California Smarter Plan](#) and designed to provide best practices and recommendations for event operators to produce safe and smart live events, understanding that COVID-19 will remain present in the foreseeable future.



We Are Here for You

The City of Dublin appreciates our business community and remains committed to being your source for reliable and accessible information and resources.

For COVID-19 information and resources for the business community, visit our [Business Impacts webpage](#).

For up-to-date information and resources about the pandemic, visit the City's [COVID-19 webpage](#).

The Office of Economic Development is also available via [email](#) or by calling 925-833-6650. Language assistance is available over the phone by request.

The COVID-19 Dublin Business Brief highlights the latest news and events affecting the business community. For more information or assistance, please contact the Office of Economic Development via [email](#) or phone (925) 833-6650.

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