

2020 Palm Beach County OEBO Youth Entrepreneurship Forum

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MIND YOUR BUSINESS

Observation of International Youth Month

West Palm Beach, FL- The Palm Beach County Office of Equal Business Opportunity is hosting the 2020 Palm Beach County Youth Entrepreneurship Forum titled “Mind Your Business” on August 12 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This forum will be virtual and is free to youths, ages 8-19. There will be informative presentations and a panel discussion featuring experts in the field of entrepreneurship.

In observation of International Youth Month, the Office of Equal Business Opportunity (OEBO) is hosting this event to present a virtual experience to provide young people information about owning, financing, and branding a business. Workshop topics include: *So You Want to Be a Boss? The Basics of Owning a Business, Show Me the Money: How to Fund Your Dream, Network or Not Work, and The Brand Identity*. Entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs are invited to compete in a pitch contest. To compete, a video, no longer than 90 seconds, should be uploaded to YouTube. The URL must be sent to oebo@pbcgov.org with “Pitch Contest” in the subject line. Submissions can be entered as a group or individual for a business or non-profit idea. The deadline for submissions is August 7th. Votes can be cast, August 8-10 on the OEBO website. In addition to the virtual event, the OEBO will provide lunch to the registrants. Lunch can be picked up between 11:00 am- 2:00 pm, at one of four pickup sites: North- Riviera Beach Marina, South- Pompey Park, Central- Palm Beach County OEBO, West- West County Senior Center. Sites and lunch options can be chosen on the registration form.

Palm Beach County provides a number of programs that facilitate the development of small businesses. “We hope the youth in our county leverage this opportunity to discover their passions and strengths in order to benefit themselves, their futures, and the economy,” said Tonya Davis Johnson, Director of the Office of Equal Business Opportunity. “We are committed to fostering the growth of small and minority owned businesses in Palm Beach County and our young people are no exception.”

“Mind Your Business” is on August 12, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom. It is free for kids, ages 8-19. To register, please go to: <http://survey.pbcgov.com/s3/OEBO-Mind-Your-Business-Youth-Entrepreneurship-Registration>. To join the meeting, go to: <https://pbcgov.zoom.us/j/99621517176?pwd=aGhtamtOUXpLSkJSXJIUHdMWDcvUT09> Meeting ID: 996 2151 7176 | Passcode: 6166840.

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Bi-weekly list of funding and learning opportunities in rural America.

OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative

USDA is seeking public comment on a series of regulatory reforms known collectively as the [OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative](#). Under the initiative, USDA will eliminate duplicative processes and launch a single platform for four key loan programs. **For more information, visit the July 14 Federal Register.**

New Resources Available Now

OneRD Outline of Regulatory Changes [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

This resource outlines the regulatory changes in the final rule to help make it easier for you to navigate the regulation.

OneRD Implementation Guide for Lenders [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

This guide provides a timeline for lenders on how USDA plans to implement the final rule.

Attend Virtual Listening Sessions:

- [Register](#) - Wednesday, Aug 5, 2020 at 1:30 PM EDT
- [Register](#) - Wednesday, Aug 19, 2020 at 1:30 PM EDT

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USDA COVID-19 Relief Measures:

- [USDA COVID-19 Resources Webpage](#)
- [USDA Business & Industry CARES Act Video](#)
- [Additional Commodities Eligible for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program](#)
- [USDA Programs in the Local Food Supply Chain](#)
- [USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Overview of Local & Regional Food Funding](#)
- [USDA Food and Nutrition Service Response to COVID-19](#)
- [USDA Food and Nutrition Services: Feeding Kids When Schools are Closed Due to COVID-19](#)

Additional Resources:

- [COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act \(HR.266\)](#)
- [Summary of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#)
- [FEMA Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response](#)
- [U.S. Department of Labor COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [CDC Foundation: COVID-19 Corps Jobs](#)

- [USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [OSHA's Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)
- [US Health & Human Services COVID-19 Workforce Toolkit](#)
- [Economic Development Administration CARES Act Recovery Assistance](#)

Visit www.coronavirus.gov for the latest news from the CDC on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Visit www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus for the latest news from Rural Development on how we are helping our partners, customers, and stakeholders impacted by COVID-19. **Additional COVID-19 resources are featured in the categories below.**

Funding Opportunities

Rural Infrastructure

Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP)

USDA Rural Development program intends to increase significantly the sale and use of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel by expanding the infrastructure for renewable fuels derived from U.S. agricultural products. **Application Deadline: August 13, 2020**

Business and Industry (B&I) CARES Act Program

USDA is making available up to \$1 billion in loan guarantees to help rural businesses meet their working capital needs during the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, agricultural producers that are not eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency loans may receive funding under [USDA B&I CARES Act Program](#) provisions included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. [Webinar for Lenders](#) and [Webinar for Businesses and Producers](#). **Application Deadline: September 15, 2021, or until funds are expended.**

FCC Rural Digital Opportunity Fund

The Federal Communications Commission is providing funding to bring high-speed, fixed broadband service to rural homes and small businesses that lack access. **Application Deadline: October 22, 2020**

Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements (REAP)

USDA Rural Development provides funds to support agricultural producers and rural small businesses to install renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. **Application Deadline: Open**

FY 2020 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

The Economic Development Administration is providing resources to economically distressed communities and regions to help finance construction, non-construction, planning, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects. **Application Deadline: Ongoing**

Quick Links to COVID-19 Resources Related to Rural Infrastructure:

- [COVID-19 Rural Telehealth Factsheet](#)
- [Federal Communications Commission COVID-19 Telehealth Program](#)
- [Department of Transportation Coronavirus COVID-19 Response](#)
- [National Institute of Standards and Technology COVID-19 Resources](#)

Economic Development

Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant Program

USDA Rural Development is making \$3 million in grants available to help socially disadvantaged

groups develop business and strategic plans in rural areas. **Application Deadline: August 10, 2020**

Delta Health Care Service Grant Program

USDA Rural Development grant funds for the development of health care services, health education programs, health care job training programs, or the development and expansion of public health-related facilities in the [Delta Region](#). **Application Deadline: August 24, 2020**

Centers of Community Prosperity

USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement offers funding to leverage partnering entities to assist persistent poverty communities with socially disadvantaged and/or veteran farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers to improve, restore and maintain natural resources and growth in their communities focusing on fostering hope, opportunity, asset building and wealth creation. **Application Deadline: August 24, 2020**

Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers

USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement offers grants to support socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers through education, training, farming demonstrations, and conferences on farming and agri-business, and by increasing access to USDA's programs and services. **Application Deadline: August 26, 2020**

Youth Engagement, Education, and Employment

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is accepting proposals from non-profit, state, and local government youth and veteran serving organizations with the interest and capacity to work cooperatively with the USFWS to develop introductory educational experiences in natural resource careers to young people and veterans in underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in outdoor recreation activities through hands-on experience and mentoring. **Application Deadline: September 15, 2020**

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency offers workforce grants and encourages applicants to develop their brownfield cleanup curricula to be based on local labor market assessments and employers' hiring needs while delivering comprehensive training that results in graduates securing multiple certifications to enter the workforce. **Application Deadline: September 22, 2020**

Quick Links to COVID-19 Resources to Support Rural Economic Development:

- [USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program](#)
- [Federal Reserve Bank Main Street Lending Program](#)
- [Appalachian Regional Commission Coronavirus Resources](#)
- [Minority Business Development Agency](#)
- [Small Business Administration \(SBA\) Coronavirus COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [SBA's Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) – August 8 Deadline](#)
- [SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\) Loan Program](#)
- [U.S. Department of Treasury CARES Act Assistance](#)

Tribal-Specific

Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding set aside for tribes to address multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by identifying and remediating housing-related environmental health and safety hazards in privately owned, low-income rental, and/or owner occupied housing. **Application Deadline: August 24, 2020**

Public Transportation on Indian Reservations: Tribal Transit Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration is making funds available to support planning, capital and operating assistance for tribal public transit services to help expand access to health, medical and social service providers. **Application Deadline: August 24, 2020**

Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands

The U.S. Department of Energy is providing this program to support technology on tribal lands. [View](#)

[the webinar and presentation slides](#). **Application Deadline (extended): August 27, 2020**

Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant

Bureau of Indian Affairs program seeks to develop the Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on American Indian and Native Alaskan land to regulate and manage their energy resources through development of organizational and business structures and legal and regulatory infrastructure. **Application Deadline: September 1, 2020**

BIA Grants to Tribes for Business Development Feasibility Studies

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), through its Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI), is soliciting proposals from Tribes for technical assistance funding to hire [consultants to perform feasibility studies](#) of economic development opportunities located in designated [Opportunity Zones](#). **Application Deadline: September 15, 2020**

Quick Links to COVID-19 Resources to Support Tribal Entities:

- [The USDA Office of Tribal Relations Website](#)
- [Coronavirus Pandemic: FEMA Assistance for Tribal Governments](#)
- [Indian Health Service: COVID-19 Information](#)
- [HHS ASPR Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange \(TRACIE\)](#)
- [CDC: Coronavirus Disease 2019 Tribal Communities](#)

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Community Prosperity Resource Matrix

The Centers of Community Prosperity offers a resource to provide easy access to information about USDA programs, tools, and data sources that foster hope and opportunity, asset building and wealth creation in rural and underserved communities.

Pathway to Recovery

The U.S. Department of Labor, through WorkforceGPS, offers workforce tools and tips for communities, business, individuals and stakeholders to support job creation, job stabilization, infrastructure and workforce support. [Quick Start Action Planner](#).

The Wind Energy Workforce in the United States: Training, Hiring, and Future Needs

National Renewable Energy Laboratory's technical report outlining evidence that there are dynamics beyond supply and demand at play, there is a Workforce Gap. [Collegiate Wind Competition](#).

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) - Tools and Resources

U.S. Department of Treasury online resource offering tools and links and a list of current certified CDFIs, many of which make loans to small businesses and provide technical assistance.

Event Opportunities

USDA Resources in Agriculture: Supportive Options for Native Farmers & Ranchers in the Time of COVID-19

August 5 | Webinar

Oweesta Corporation is hosting a panel discussion highlighting USDA resources that can be used to support Native farmers and ranchers during this pandemic.

Connect Americans Now: Bridging the Digital Divide for Rural & Underserved Communities

August 5 | Webinar

National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health offers this session for State Offices of Rural Health and their stakeholders interested in forming health partnerships with the community development sector to support positive impacts with rural health initiatives.

Building Community Capacity Around Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

Session 1 | August 5 at 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. CT / 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ET

Session 2 | August 6 at 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. CT / 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ET

USDA's Office of Partnerships & Public Engagement, in collaboration with the Regional Rural Development Centers and the Rural Development Innovation Center, offers a multi-day virtual workshop on Building Community Capacity around Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers.

Exploring Census Data Webinar Series: New Businesses Statistics

August 11 | Webinar

Census Bureau's subject matter experts will provide practical ways to use our business data from economic programs to dive into business expansions and contractions.

National Tribal Broadband Summit

September 21 – 25, 2020 | Virtual

The Department of the Interior, in collaboration with USDA and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will offer a unique opportunity to showcase creative solutions to some of the biggest barriers to tribal broadband development to move to close the digital divide in Indian Country by connecting community leaders with information and resources to identify opportunities for public and private sector solutions on tribal lands.

Newsletters, websites and emails from which we gather this information include:

- USDA Rural Development's full [Catalog of Programs](#)
- [Grants.gov](#)
- The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- The Aspen Institute
- e2 Entrepreneurial Ecosystems
- Pew Research Center
- Philanthropy News Digest
- Rural LISC e-newsletter
- National Association of Development Organizations

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