

## **RESOURCES**

Thinking about incorporating? Wondering if you should create a business plan to move your financial goals and professional practice forward? The following are organizations and resources that can help you with these questions.

### **Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA)**

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts is an arts-related legal aid organization that provides educational and legal services, advocacy and mediation to the arts community. Access to VLA's pro bono legal services are available to low-income artists and nonprofit arts organizations, while other services and programs are open to the entire arts community. **VLA's New York arm offers in-depth workshops for artists who are considering whether to incorporate and and/or seek nonprofit status:** Nonprofit and Tax Exemption Workshops and Forming Your For-Profit Arts Business are offered on a monthly basis at VLA's offices.

[www.vlany.org](http://www.vlany.org)

### **NYC Business Solutions Center**

NYC Business Solutions helps businesses start, operate, and expand in New York City with a range of services provided at no cost, regardless of the size or stage of your business. NYC BSS has service centers in **Lower Manhattan** (79 John Street between William & Gold), Upper Manhattan (215 W. 125<sup>th</sup> Street between 7 & 8), Washington Heights (76 Wadsworth Avenue between 175 & 176), Brooklyn and Queens. They offer courses and one-on-one assistance in areas such as business planning basics, launching a new business, marketing, quickbooks, government contracts, financing and certification for specific business resources.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/nycbiz/html/home/home.shtml>

Or google: NYC Business Solutions Center

### **SCORE**

SCORE is a national source of free and confidential **small business advice** for entrepreneurs. They offer advice online and in-person at 364 offices nationwide (in New York, 26 Federal Plaza Room 3100). SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). One of their major program links small business owners with working and retired executives and business owners who donate time and expertise as business counselors. SCORE was founded in 1964. Online workshops cover a range of topics from business plans to financial management and legal structures for your business.

[www.score.org](http://www.score.org)