



**Lower
Manhattan
Cultural
Council**

EMPOWERING ARTISTS,
INVESTED IN COMMUNITY

ARTISTS SUMMER INSITUTE

ARTIST AS ENTREPRENEUR

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

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

Art Work: A National Conversation about Art, Labor, and Economics

Art Work is a newspaper that consists of writings and images from artists, activists, writers, critics, and others on the topic of working within depressed economies and how that impacts artistic process, compensation and artistic property.

www.artandwork.us

Open Forum

Open Forum is the online small-business resource area of American Express. It gives businesses the tools to connect and collaborate with other businesses with similar needs and interests. Its tools like the Idea Hub, is a digital trading post of ideas and insights from industry experts and owners. The site also provides exclusive articles, videos, discussion boards and events listings that can help businesses get informed and inspired.

www.openforum.com

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), Upper Manhattan (215 W. 125th Street), Washington Heights (76 Wadsworth Avenue), 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.

www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/nycbiz/html/home/home.shtml

NYPL Science, Industry and Business Library (SIBL)

The Science, Industry and Business Library (SIBL) is a premier public business library with comprehensive print materials, e-resources and services (including workshops) for start-ups and established businesses seeking expansion and for job seekers from entry to executive levels. Library staff provides roving assistance and consultations, and advisory services are offered on-site by experienced business owners, career coaches, and a financial specialist. The library is located at 188 Madison Avenue at 34th Street.

www.nypl.org/locations/sibl

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)

NYCEDC is a city agency designed to support entrepreneurship in New York City. The agency provides access to capital, affordable workspace, information and training as well expert advice from industry professionals.

www.nycedc.com/SupportingYourBusiness/Pages/SupportingYourBusiness.aspx

NYCEDC portal for start-ups: <http://nycventureconnect.com>

Quora

Quora is an online service that lets you ask questions on anything and follow others on interested topics, with especially great topic areas in entrepreneurship. The site is a continually improving collection of questions and answers created, edited, and organized by everyone who uses it.

www.quora.com

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 programs links small business owners with working and retired executives and business owners who donate time and expertise as business counselors. Online workshops cover a range of topics from business plans to financial management and legal structures for your business.

www.score.org

The Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is a governmental agency in service of small businesses. SBA provides support to small businesses and small-business owners across the nation with obtaining small business loans, ensures that the federal contract dollars go to small businesses, and provides counseling for business guidance.

www.sba.gov

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 is available to low-income artists and nonprofit arts organizations, while other services and programs are open to the entire arts community.

www.vlany.org