

Upper Manhattan Small Business & Entrepreneur Support

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 <p>HARLEM BUSINESS ALLIANCE</p>	Harlem Business Alliance	The Harlem Business Alliance, Inc., (HBA) was founded in 1980 by a group of prominent Harlem business leaders, and incorporated in 1990 as a class 402 501(c)(3) corporation. HBA has worked diligently to establish Harlem as an economically self-sustaining community. Over the years, HBA has developed cohesive public/private partnerships to assist existing and emerging businesses, community residents and youth.	212-665-7010
 <p>eap ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</p>	Entrepreneurial Assistance Program	New York State's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program ("EAP") was created in 1987 by the NYS Omnibus Economic Development Act. Since its inception, the EAP initiative has helped entrepreneurs create new businesses and has provided in-depth assistance to minorities, women, dislocated workers and individuals with disabilities interested in starting a business. The Upper Manhattan EAP centers are operated by Project Enterprise in Central Harlem and Washinton Heights/Inwood Development Corp.	212-678-6734 212-795-1600
 <p>ACCION USA</p>	Accion USA	ACCION USA is committed to bringing affordable microfinance solutions to small business owners who need them. The organization has a nationwide reach that has helped thousands of small business owners grow and thrive. A recognized leader in U.S. microfinance, it helps small business owners use microloans to build their businesses. ACCION USA is part of the U.S. ACCION Network, the largest domestic microlending network, which has made over \$230 million in loans since inception in 1991.	212-387-0377
 <p>Project Enterprise</p>	Project Enterprise	Project Enterprise's mission is to support and develop entrepreneurs and small businesses in under-resourced communities in New York City. By providing microloans, business development services and networking opportunities, Project Enterprise helps entrepreneurs increase their standard of living, create jobs for their communities, and build financial assets.	212-678-6734
 <p>WHIDC WASHINGTON HEIGHTS INWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORP.</p>	Washington Heights Inwood Development Corporation	Commonly referred to as WHIDC (pronounced "WIDIK"), this not-for-profit local development corporation was organized in 1978 to serve the residents and businesses in the Washington Heights, Inwood and Harlem communities of northern Manhattan.	212-795-1600

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	Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce	<p>The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) originally incorporated in 1886 as the Harlem Board of Trade, is now in its third century of continued services to the Upper Manhattan area in general and the New York region in particular. The Chamber has served as an anchor of stability bridging the periods of urban neglect to the future of urban prosperity. The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce has particularly focused on the renaissance and revitalization of Upper Manhattan.</p>	212-862-7200
	East Harlem Business Capital Corporation	<p>East Harlem Business Capital Corporation's mission is to improve the quality of economic and commercial activity in East Harlem by providing financial and technical assistance to its small businesses, merchants and entrepreneurs. It provides access to credit and sound business development assistance to expand existing businesses or to create new enterprises. EHBCC works to increase employment opportunities, promote real estate development and commercial services, and support a nurturing business environment for East Harlem's small business community.</p>	212-427-6590
	Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	<p>The Columbia-Harlem SBDC is a member of a network of 24 regional small business development centers, organized through the New York State Small Business Development Center. These SBDCs deliver high quality business counseling and training to New Yorkers who want to start a business or improve the performance of an existing business.</p>	212-854-6444
	Seedco-New York City Business Solutions	<p>Seedco offers a variety of services to help launch and sustain small businesses in New York City and beyond through NYC Business Solutions, which are government funded through the local Workforce Investment Agency, New York City Department of Small Business Services. Its workforce development program also connects job seekers to job assistance, job training, and job placement services. It operates the Workforce I Career Center in Upper Manhattan, which serves approximately 166 jobseekers per week.</p>	917-493-7243
	Chamber of Commerce of Washington Heights & Inwood	<p>Originally incorporated in 1921, membership includes many small to mid-sized businesses, from restaurants to retail operations, as well as major corporations, including Verizon, Time Warner Cable and all the large banks in the vicinity. Active non-profit members also include New York Presbyterian Hospital, Isabella Geriatric Center, Columbia University Medical Center, Yeshiva University and The Port Authority of NY-NJ.</p>	212-928-6595