

Boston Business Assistance Center

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Jamaica Plain Business Resources

One Stop Business Assistance

Boston Business Assistance Center (BBAC) – One stop information center connecting prospective and existing business owners with resources including: Commercial real estate financing / storefront assistance program, design services, Business training and consulting, licensing, permitting, and financing, and non-profit resources.

- Business Manager for Jamaica Plain: Liora Beer, 617-989-9115
- Licensing & Permitting Assistance: Jeffrey Drago, 617-989-9113

Main Streets Program

Main Streets business managers help local districts capitalize on their unique cultural and historical assets while focusing on the community's economic development needs.

- JP Centre South Main Streets, Jody Wolk, 617-522-0300
- Egleston Square Main Streets, Clarissa Quintanilla 617-522-7752
- Hyde-Jackson Main Streets, 617-522-3694

Business Consulting/ Coaching

- Jamaica Plain NDC - Alison Moronta, 617-522-2424 Extension 226
- UMass Boston Small Business Development Center 617-287-7750
- SCORE www.scoreboston.org 617-565-5591

Business Plan Research and Development

- Massachusetts Small Business Development Centers <http://www.msdbc.org/training/> and UMass Boston Small Business Development Center <http://www.sdbc.umb.edu/> 617-287-7750
- Small Business Association www.SBA.gov/ Free online templates and guide for writing a business plan
- Neighborhood Business Builders <http://www.businesslinkboston.com/etp.php> 617-399-3308
- Kirstein Business Library <http://www.bpl.org/research/kbb/kbbhome.htm> for location, contact information & hours

Specialty Business Resources

- Artists and Creative Industries, 'The Business of Being an Artist', Liora Beer 617-989-9115
- Starting a Food Business w/Limited Financial Resource: Nuestra Comunidad /Culinary Ventures 617/522-7900 x 10

Financing

- Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp - Alison Moronta 617-522-2424 Extension 226
- Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp, Deidra MacLeod, 617-825-4200
- ACCION www.accionusa.org 617-625-7080

Legal Assistance

- Community Enterprise Project, 122 Boylston Street, JP 617-522-3003
- Economic Justice Project www.lawyerscom.org 617-482-1145 monthly legal clinics

Merchants Associations

- Hyde-Jackson Business Association - Fernando Mercedes 617-592-1011
- JP Business & Professional Association (Centre-South JP area) Elaine Hackney 617-522-7800
- Egleston Square Merchants Association-Onesimo Martinez 617-593-7179