

# Quaboag Valley Community Development and Business Assistance Corporation

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**Due to the evolving situation around Covid-19, all  
classes are suspended until further notice.  
Online options are being explored.**

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## **Stuck inside? Give us a call**

The Senior Outreach Program is now serving the towns of Hardwick, Ware and Warren. If you are a qualifying individual over 60, we can help with outside the house errands, including prescription and grocery pick-up and delivery. Please call (413) 967 3001 for more information.

## "E2E" is closed to the public

Ann Rocchi, Job Placement Assistant with Holyoke Community College is available to assist with job search, resumes, and cover letters. Contact her to make an appointment for a remote meeting at: 413.552.2929 or via email at [arocchi@hcc.edu](mailto:arocchi@hcc.edu)



### The Quaboag Connector

Looking for a ride to the grocery store? Or do you need to go through the drive through at the bank? We are taking extra precautions to keep the vans clean and get you where you need to go. Call us between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm to schedule your ride: (413) 544-3401 Please call two business days in advance. Running Monday through Friday.

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## Business Owners: We are here for you

We understand the concern and uncertainty you may be experiencing around the evolving situation, and would like to share a few ways we are here to serve you during this time:

- We have loan capital available
- We can help you to put together the necessary paperwork for state and federal loans, such as MGCC or SBA loans
- We will schedule phone appointments for individual technical assistance.

You can reach Dakota or Melissa by email at [dakota@qvcdc.org](mailto:dakota@qvcdc.org) or [melissa@qvcdc.org](mailto:melissa@qvcdc.org) to set up an appointment. Reach us by phone at (413) 967 3001.

## Check out these resources:

### **SBA Offers Statewide Disaster Assistance to Massachusetts Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Coronavirus**

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Massachusetts small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is Dec. 18, 2020. For more information about Coronavirus, please visit: [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov).

For more information about available SBA resources and services, please visit: [SBA.gov/coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus).

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### **Running a Food Business in the face of COVID-19**

[Click here](#)

CommonWealth Kitchen has compiled resources available for HR, financial, and other aspects of your business that are likely drastically impacted by the spread and precautions around COVID-19.





### **Bartender's Emergency Assistance Program**

Please read through the Selection Criteria and Eligibility Requirements for the Bartender Emergency Assistance Program and if you believe that you are eligible, please fill out the application making sure to include the required

supporting documents. Find out more at [usbgfoundation.org](http://usbgfoundation.org)

If you need assistance or have any questions please contact the Foundation Staff at [foundation@usb.org](mailto:foundation@usb.org)

### **Another Round Another Rally**

\$500 relief grants for hospitality workers who lost their jobs or had their hours slashed in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. also collecting donations from community members willing to help their hospitality-industry friends and neighbors stay afloat in this time of uncertainty. To apply for a grant or make a donation, [click here](#)



### **Emergency Coronavirus Tipped and Service Worker Support Fund**

Providing free, cash assistance to restaurant workers, delivery drivers and other tipped workers and service workers — who are seeing their income decline during this disaster, or aren't able to work because of quarantines or other health concerns.

[Click here](#)

# More Resources

Valley  
Community  
Development



## **Support for Homeowners**

Valley Community Development offers free, individual counseling to homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments or at risk of being unable to make payments.

[Click Here](#)



## **Support for Renters**

If your family is struggling to make ends meet, monthly rent payments can be overwhelming. Wayfinders may be able to help.

[Click Here](#)

## **For Business Owners**

[WorkShare](#) is a program that offers a smart alternative to layoffs. Employees work reduced hours while collecting unemployment benefits to supplement their lower wages.

[Western Mass Economic Council - List of resources](#)

[Massachusetts Resources and Guidance for Small Businesses](#)

[Employers Association of the Northeast](#)

[Dining Bonds for Restaurants](#)

## **Financial Assistance for Individuals**

[Greg Hill Restaurant Strong Fund MA](#), Service industry workers, application for \$1000 grants

Remote tax assistance:

<http://fitchburgpubliclibrary.org/DocumentCenter/View/6005/FREE-Online-Tax-Filing-Websites>

[Consumer Data industry Association](#) - Helping consumers avoid credit problems

## **Internet, Cable**

Comcast has options available for the next 60 days: Visit this link <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19> Comcast is also temporarily suspending disconnections as long as you contact them directly. You can have free internet if you go to this link: <https://www.internetessentials.com/apply>

## **Unemployment**

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-unemployment-assistance> Unemployment benefits are available to anyone who has been cut or had their hours / income reduced.