

Neighbors Bulletin



Community Updates

EMERGENCY LOAN FUND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The Columbia Emergency Loan Fund for Small Businesses launched in June. The fund provides low-interest loans to Upper Manhattan small businesses that are struggling because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Loans will help businesses as they restock after interruptions, rehire employees, and reconfigure their operations for this new era of social distancing and health restrictions.

The fund includes two loan programs, each designed to address different business needs caused by the pandemic. The Small-Scale Manufacturer Loans offer up to \$5,000 for businesses with less than \$50,000 in revenue in 2019. The Small Business Pivot Loans offer up to \$50,000 for Upper Manhattan businesses with fewer than 50 employees who need to restructure their business models. Both loans have low interest rates, grace periods for repayment, and partial loan forgiveness opportunities. To receive a loan from the Emergency Loan Fund a business must be a client of the Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center.

Applications are now open for Small Business Pivot Loans. To learn more about the Emergency Loan Fund or to become a Columbia-Harlem SBDC client, visit gsb.columbia.edu/sbdc.

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORS FOOD RELIEF FUND



The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed the existing NYC food insecurity crisis to unprecedented levels. The Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund, supported by donations from the entire University community, has distributed more than \$100,000 to organizations that fight hunger and food insecurity through meals and grocery distribution in Upper Manhattan.

In June, the Food Relief Fund expanded to include a partnership between Columbia Dining, the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, and City Harvest that began to distribute 1,000 healthy meals a day on June 15 and will continue until September 7.

Learn more at neighbors.columbia.edu/foodrelief or email communityaffairs@columbia.edu.

Community Events



DISCLAIMER

Check with event organizers for latest updates as details may change. More details can be found at

neighbors.columbia.edu/events



Small Business Pivot Loans Open

July 1

Loans of \$5,000+ will be available to Columbia-Harlem SBDC clients that need to change their business models due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

neighbors.columbia.edu/pivotloans



Columbia Community Summer Blood Drive

July 8 & 13

There will be blood drives at the Armory (July 8) and St. John the Divine (July 13) to address the blood shortage.

neighbors.columbia.edu/julyblooddrive



Harlem Renaissance 100: A Concert for Justice

July 12 at 4PM

The Harlem Opera Theater will present a tribute to the 90th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

neighbors.columbia.edu/justiceconcert



Harlem Shakespeare Festival presents The Importance of Being Earnest

July 26, 4PM

An adaptation set in 1920s Harlem. Two young men living in Harlem and Westchester bend the truth in order to spice up their lives.

neighbors.columbia.edu/earnest



Colonial & Modern Harlem Architecture with John Reddick

Aug 9 at 4PM

John Reddick will explore the colonial aesthetic in Harlem's early "modern" architecture and how it served as a backdrop to the jazz age.

neighbors.columbia.edu/reddickarch