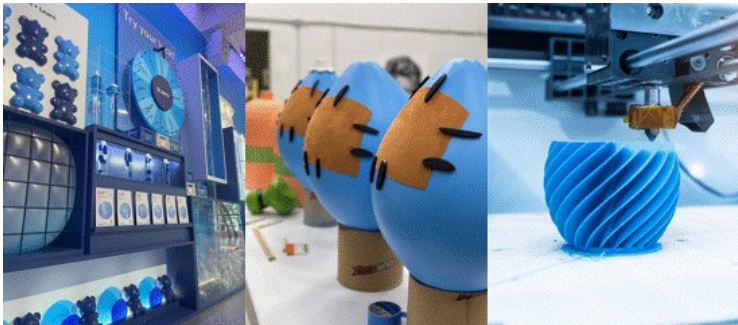




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16 Funding Options for Women-Owned Businesses

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By: [Sean Ludwig](#), Contributor & [Danielle Fallon-O'Leary](#), Contributor



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– Oprah Winfrey

40 Small-Business

Grants for Women

From the federal government to economic development agencies, here's a list of business grants for women.

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Legislation to promote **job opportunities in New York State and help job seekers secure new employment opportunities** - [Learn more](#)

Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

More than \$500 million in federal funding is now available to support the resurgence of small businesses across New York State through the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), a program through the American Rescue Plan Act. Managed by the U.S. Department of Treasury, SSBCI provides funds to support programs for small businesses to recover from the economic effects of COVID-19 and allow them opportunity to succeed in the post-pandemic economy. Visit esd.ny.gov/ssbci for information

\$5 million available through newly created **Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program** - [Read more](#)



The following resources have been shared by
Christopher Seger, CPA, MAC
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[Tax moves you should make before the end of the year.](#)

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[Tax Breaks for Small Businesses](#)

[Popular Tax Credits & Deductions 2024](#)

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Governor Hochul Announces Launch of \$30 Million Pre-seed and Seed Matching Fund Program

"The Program will offer early-stage businesses growth assistance from \$50,000 up to \$250,000 with matching from the private sector (there must be at least \$1 of private sector investment for every \$1 NY Ventures invests). In addition to financial support, Empire State Development offers the tools and key introductions needed to help companies reach the next level." according to Empire State Development. Part of New York's \$500 Million Federal Funding Allocation to Support Small Businesses, Particularly in Traditionally Underserved Communities [READ MORE...](#)

ADDITIONAL CLARITY 03/12/2024

Governor Hochul has enacted a new law, effective from February 11th, mandating businesses to transparently disclose credit card swipe fee surcharges to customers should they decide to transfer the fee. The legislation necessitates businesses to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Restricts credit card surcharges to the exact amount imposed on the business by

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Meeting Summary Pattern for Progress

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress recently joined the chamber's government affairs committee to discuss its latest report, *Childcare in the Hudson Valley*, which examines the state of childcare throughout the region. Pattern CEO Adam Bosch shared data about the deepening scarcity of childcare throughout the Hudson Valley, along with demographic, economic, and public policy factors that are causing many childcare businesses to close.

The number of licensed childcare providers in the Hudson Valley has dropped by 27% over the past 15 years, including a loss of 38% of licensed childcare providers in Orange County. Those childcare businesses that remain are feeling the financial pinch from a steadily declining youth population in the region; onerous regulations; challenges related to recruiting and retaining childcare workers; and the state's universal pre-K program, which resulted in thousands of 4-year-old children (and the revenue they brought) leaving the childcare system.

This is a complex issue that affects the early education of our children. It also affects workforce participation, especially among working mothers. In a recent survey of businesses in the Hudson Valley, 41 percent ranked childcare as the top support they needed for their employees but could not provide. Childcare surpassed transportation as the top answer for employers. Many businesses also told Pattern that they had lost employees, or were turned down by job candidates, because of the high cost of childcare or its lack of availability. As part of our ongoing mission to support businesses in Orange County, we know that viable answers to the childcare shortage will be important to supporting our workforce and our families in the future.

You can find Pattern's interactive report

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2. Demands businesses to prominently exhibit the total price of an item or service, encompassing the credit card surcharge. Alternatively, businesses can opt for a two-tiered pricing approach, displaying both the credit card and cash prices before checkout.
3. Permits businesses to promote a cash discount.

For additional details, including a comprehensive Credit Card Surcharge Guide, please visit:

<https://dos.ny.gov/business-resources>

New Credit Card Surcharge Guidelines Begin Sunday, February 11

The NYS Department of State Division of Consumer Protection has issued new guidance regarding credit card surcharges including guidance on how these fees are communication to your customers.

What does this mean for New Yorkers? A business has the option of passing along the actual cost of credit card processing fees as a surcharge to customers, but they must be transparent by displaying the highest total price (excluding sales tax). A sign stating only the credit card surcharge fee will no longer be allowed.

[Download the full PDF here.](#)

\$10k Perseverance Grant celebrates the grit and determination of small business owners. Entrepreneurs and small business owners at all stages of business are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is March 31.

The **Comcast Innovation Fund** provides grants to support technology and research "for the betterment of the Internet." Areas of interest for the 2024 grant year include open-source development, general and targeted research, and work that enhances the growth of the Internet. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds for 2024 are disbursed.

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Please give us feedback, follow our upcoming events, and join our committee. Let's grow together. Help us to help you, your business, and our Orange County community.

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The **FedEx Small Business Grant** is set to award over \$230,000 in grants and services to 10 U.S.-based small businesses. One grand prize winner will receive \$50,000 and nine additional recipients will be granted \$20,000 — along with various perks, including print credit, consultation services, and more. Applications open March 1 and close April 1.

More grant & program information can be found [here](#).

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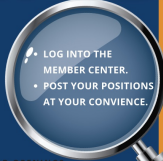
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