

Small Business Newsletter - 03/07/2023

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Our Team is Here for You!

The mission of the Economic Development Department is to foster economic growth through collaboration and innovation for the continued prosperity of our community. In this month's newsletter, we have a few program announcements to share!

If you have any questions, concerns, or small business needs, contact our Small Business Team, at (210) 207-3922 or by email at smallbizinfo@sanantonio.gov

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Digital Inclusion Survey and Assessment 2023

How do you access the internet? How does the internet improve your life?

In partnership with UTSA, Bexar County, and SA Digital Connects, the City of San Antonio Office of Innovation is launching a survey in an effort to identify how the COVID-19 pandemic affected the digital divide in San Antonio and Bexar County.

The data collected from this survey will have broad impacts for digital inclusion work across the City and County.

Share your experiences! Take the survey and you could receive a \$25 HEB gift card. *Deadline to complete the survey is April 30, 2023. Notice to recipients of the HEB gift cards will be sent out in May.*

[Take the Survey](#)

Small Business Employer Partnerships

The success of Ready to Work depends on input from local employers to align training opportunities with critical business needs.

As a small business leader, please take the Ready to Work Employer Pledge to support San Antonio's greatest asset - our people. In return, Ready to Work offers multiple benefits and engagement opportunities for small businesses.

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Questions? Visit ReadyToWorkSA.com or email rtw.employer@sanantonio.gov

U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) [Lending Match](#) Program connects you to potential lenders offering SBA-backed funding. Connect now and secure a business loan!

Learn more about the Office of the Texas Governor's [Capital Access Program](#) This program facilitates loans which are underwritten by participating non-profit lenders and supported by state contributors to a loan loss reserve fund.

Learn more about the [Loan Guarantee Program \(LGP\)](#). The Loan Programs Office (LPO) has loans and guarantees available to help deploy innovative clean energy, advanced transportation, and tribal energy projects in the United States. The Loan Programs Office provides debt financing for the commercial deployment of energy projects.

We are here to help!

If you have any small business questions the City of San Antonio Economic Development team is here for you. Gabriela “Gabby” Tello, Business Outreach Specialist, is a direct resource for the small business community. She serves as initial contact for clients conducting pre-business or business expansion research. Although, her primary role is coordinating and monitoring activities for the City’s economic development department’s small business programs and services. Gabby will find the answer you are looking for or connect you to the right sources.

[Email Gabby](#) or call (210) 207-3922