



Directory of Fundraising Opportunities to Aid Local Businesses in Recovery from Civil Unrest and COVID-19

Already suffering under the conditions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, local businesses in the East Bay have endured vandalism, looting and other property damage during and following protests against police brutality and racial violence. The following is a list of local community efforts to help small and midsize businesses recover.

Town Experience's Small Business Recovery Fund:

“#Oakland POC owned small business - specially Black owned businesses - need our help: If your business was impacted & in need of cleanup help, please comment and let us know.

COMMUNITY- if you are able to spare a few hour of your time Monday June 1st 10am-2pm to help w/ cleanup, cleaning, supplies, or building materials please comment & donate for cleaning supplies. If you can't help, please donate. We want to help build #OaklandFwd. *This is more than just a day.* All hands on deck going forward.”

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-oakland-small-biz-get-cleaned-up>
thetownexperience@gmail.com

Oakland Indie Alliance's Oakland Repair Fund:

“Oakland Indie Alliance stands in solidarity with those fighting for justice and police accountability in the streets of Oakland. In some cases, our members are the ones on the street standing arm in arm with the community.

The storefronts of our small, local, independent businesses have been damaged, in a time when small businesses are already struggling to survive. Please help support of repair fund so we can ensure the sustainability of our local small business community.”

<http://www.oaklandindiealliance.com/repair>

Restore Oakland Program:

“A joint initiative between Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC United), Restore Oakland is a community advocacy and training center that will empower Bay Area community members to transform our economic and justice systems and make a safe and secure future possible for themselves and for their families. [...] *We believe in community prosperity and safety.* Our vision is a people-powered economy and an accountability centered justice system. Our community organizing and advocacy efforts will help shift resources away from prisons and punishment and toward community reinvestment and restorative justice.”

<http://restoreoakland.org/>

info@restoreoakland.org

Designing Justice + Designing Spaces

“We are an Oakland-based architecture and real estate development non-profit working to end mass incarceration by building infrastructure that addresses its root causes: poverty, racism, unequal access to resources, and the criminal justice system itself.

We also operate the [Concept Development Fund](#), a program which helps nonprofits and advocates transform their ideas for community infrastructure reinvestment into fully realized designs complete with budgetary outlines, imagery, and other concrete details. The Fund receives charitable contributions that are used to support the financial costs of the concept development process.”

<https://designingjustice.org/>

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List of Black-owned Bay Area Restaurants and Pop-Ups to Patronize:

This list includes 75 Oakland-based businesses that are Black-owned, as well as details on the degree to which they’re operational and any additional ways they can be supported during this time.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/1mTthE5lwqVnTCIm3iQtQXLyxwK-pc17cuCp--BhAYX8/htmlview?usp=drivesdk&pru=AAABcpU6cgk*9GGQTDz1aYY4tKxCT8qPZw

Small Business Crisis Hotline Guide to Covid-19 Resources & Relief

Please share [this guide](#) with your friends and colleagues that own small-to-midsize businesses in Northern California.

Free Food for Unemployed Workers Program

[Per East Bay Express](#), “The Center for Urban Education About Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA) and the San Francisco Chapter of the United States Bartenders Guild (USBG) have teamed up to deliver over 500 boxes of fresh produce to unemployed food-and-beverage workers in a new effort dubbed [Feed Hospitality](#).”

The 500-plus boxes distributed so far were made possible with support from about twenty spirit companies that made various donations, and Alameda-based Hangar 1 Vodka will help the initiative deliver 1,125 more boxes through its \$15,000 donation plus a \$15,000 matching program.”

<https://cuesa.org/feedhospitality>

Local Business Charities Directory

Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

“The Ella Baker Center works locally, statewide, and nationally to shift resources away from prisons and punishment and towards opportunities that make our communities safe, healthy, and strong. [...]

The Center was founded in 1996 by Van Jones and Diana Frappier. Throughout our history, we have engaged in campaigns related to civic engagement, violence prevention, the green jobs movement, juvenile justice, and police brutality.”

<https://ellabakercenter.org/>

If you know of any other efforts that support local businesses in the Bay Area, particularly Oakland and the Greater East Bay, please share them to be included on this list at noelle@bomaoeb.org.