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## The National Women's Business Council In The Face Of The Pandemic

*NWBC remains committed to advocating for the nation's 13 million women business owners and entrepreneurs*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – (May 4, 2020)** – As we continue to adjust to new challenges arising from the coronavirus pandemic, the National Women's Business Council ([NWBC](#)) remains focused on carrying out its critical mission and commitment to advocating for the nation's 13 million women-owned businesses.

NWBC has implemented a sub-series of its [#WebinarWednesday](#) series, which focuses on the available COVID-19 resources for women business owners and entrepreneurs. The first webinar, Learn How to Navigate the COVID-19 Stimulus Package, was held on April 22, 2020.

The webinar helped break down the available federal relief for venture-backed startups. Experts from the U.S. Small Business Administration, JP Morgan, and Graphite Financial discussed available resources, lending options, and how to document your requests. NWBC's next webinar will be held on May 20, 2020. Registration details will be made available in the coming days!

Please visit [NWBC's website](#) for upcoming webinars and virtual events.

### Check out these NWBC Council Member & Partner Resources:

[Women Business Enterprise Council \(WBENC\)](#)

[Association for Women in Science \(AWIS\)](#)

[The Vinetta Project](#)

[Association of Women's Business Centers \(AWBC\)](#)

[Women President's Organization \(WPO\)](#)

[Babson College Center for Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership \(CWEL\)](#)

[Women Impacting Public Policy \(WIPP\)](#)

[National Association of Women Business Owners \(NAWBO\)](#)

## Access to Capital



With COVID-19 abruptly and drastically changing the landscape of our economy and disrupting local ecosystems, small businesses are looking for resources and advice to help them navigate these uncertain times and persevere.

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## Women in STEM



NWBC has entered the data analysis stage of its joint study with the SBA Office of Investment and Innovation on women's participation in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) & Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.

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## Rural Women's Entrepreneurship



Jessica Flynn, Chair of NWBC's Rural Women's Entrepreneurship subcommittee, discusses the challenges of a start up, leadership communications in a crisis, and challenges of rural entrepreneurship on Texas Veterans Mean Business Podcast.

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## NWBC in the News



### [April 22, 2020 - Virtual panel helps startup founders navigate CARES Act](#)

The National Women's Business Council and Vinetta Project are team up for a virtual panel aimed at helping startup founders navigate the CARES Act.

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### [April 22, 2020 - Idaho women-owned businesses differ from national trends](#)

The Guidant report lists the top two challenges for women small business owners as lack of capital/cash flow and recruiting/retention of employees.

"This aligns with the feedback we received during the NWBC's 2019 Women in Small Business Roundtable Series, in particular in the rural roundtables, which were held in Pella, Iowa, and in

## Events & Engagement

### [April 27, 2020 — The National Women's Business Council \(NWBC\) Announces A Strategic Partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau!](#)

We are thrilled to announce that the National Women's Business Council (NWBC) is a 2020 Census Partner! We look forward to supporting the U.S. Census Bureau in its monumental efforts to secure a successful decennial count across the nation.

### [April 22, 2020 - NWBC & The Vinetta Project Host Webinar: Learn How to Navigate the COVID-19 Stimulus Package](#)

"Another resource you can utilize it to visit the website of your local SBA district office. They will have more specific resources for your area." - NWBC Executive Director Nina Roque

### [April 15, 2020 - NWBC Executive Director Joins Walkers Legacy For Webinar: CARES 101](#)

NWBC Executive Director says that within the council, they want to make sure they are doing two things throughout the pandemic: connecting women entrepreneurs to their available resources as well as remaining committed to advocating for women in business.

Nampa last fall,” said Jessica Flynn, CEO of Red Sky Public Relations and a member of the National Women’s Business Council (NWBC).



#### [April 7, 2020 - An Active Voice for Women in Business](#)

Monica chairs the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subcommittee for National Women’s Business Council ([NWBC](#)). She explains: “Our mission is to support female business owners getting equal access to government-sponsored research grants and to bid on contracts within the federal government. We do this in part by advising the White House and Congress about proposed legislation. In addition, we promote STEM educational initiatives to develop the next generation of female scientists and technology leaders.”

## **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**

#### [April 7, 2020 -National Women's Business Council Welcomes New Member, Maria Rios](#)

The National Women’s Business Council ([NWBC](#)) welcomes new Council Member, Maria Rios, President and CEO of Nation Waste, Inc. (NWI).

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#### [April 3, 2020 -Susan Duffy Joins the National Women's Business Council](#)

[Susan Duffy](#), executive director of the Center for Women’s Entrepreneurial Leadership at Babson College, has joined the [National Women's Business Council](#).

#### [April 15, 2020 - NWBC Council Member Bonnie Nawara Joins Veteran Women's Enterprise Center For Webinar: 'Women Warriors Winning the Business Battle'](#)

NWBC Council Member Bonnie Nawara discussed building relationships with lenders in your community and how the Association of Women's Business Centers and NWBC are helping women business owners and entrepreneurs navigate funding opportunities amid COVID-19.



#### [April 14, 2020 - BoiseDev Podcast Interviews NWBC Member Jess Flynn](#)

NWBC Council Member Jessica Flynn talks with BoiseDev about how Boise moves forward, the tourism industry, and how she advises her clients in a time of crisis.



#### [April 1, 2020 - NWBC Council Member Jess Flynn on Texas Veterans Mean Business Podcast](#)

Part I of an interview with Jessica Flynn, CEO of Red Sky, discussing the challenges of a start up, leadership communications in a crisis, and challenges of rural entrepreneurship. Jessica is a member of the National Women's Council that advises the SBA on issues directly affecting women small business ownership.

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