Brooklyn Borough
President Eric L. Adams

Financial Literacy Resource List:
Building One Brooklyn Through
Financial Education

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As of December 2014
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Message from Borough President
Eric L. Adams

I believe that financial literacy is crucial to achieving economic stability and prosperity here in Brooklyn. When I look at some of the statistics, it is indeed alarming that only $2 million is spent on financial education for every $54 million that is spent on consumer marketing. It is important that we look for ways to help Brooklyn residents make financially sound decisions, learn ways to better manage their money, and protect our more vulnerable Brooklynites from financial scams.

On March 31, 2014, I launched a borough-wide financial literacy initiative including a month of empowerment and education events, with over 40 partner organizations from the financial, grassroots and small business communities. I outlined this effort to help Brooklynites of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds better manage their finances and avoid pitfalls. In addition, I officially proclaimed April as Financial Literacy Empowerment Month, to underscore the need for greater financial literacy throughout Brooklyn.

Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President

Message from Chief Program Officer
Sandra Chapman

In December 2013, Borough President-elect Eric L. Adams announced the twenty critical areas his administration would focus on. He included Financial Literacy and charged the committee, of which I am co-chair, to provide him with both a snapshot of Brooklyn’s financial picture and recommendations for improvement. I applaud Borough President Adams for his commitment to helping Brooklynites achieve financial security through education, outreach, and support. By enlisting businesses, financial institutions, foundations, and nonprofits we can help our residents improve their financial outcomes. We need a comprehensive approach to financial literacy; one that provides user friendly information for residents from kindergarten to retirement. By promoting financial education, our hope is that Brooklynites will not only get the protections they need to be financially secure, but will gain the kind of information they need to build personal wealth and enjoy a secure retirement.

Sandra Chapman
Chief Program Officer
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Anchor Strategy Group
405 Marlborough Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226
Tel: 347-269-7710
www.anchorsllc.com
Service(s) provided:
Personal Financial Planning

Asian Americans for Equality
Community Development Fund
807 48th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11220
Tel: 718-686-8223
www.aafecdf.org
Service(s) provided:
Take Control of Your Money

AXA Advisors
32 Court Street 10th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 718-210-2332
www.kennethmarable.com
Service(s) provided:
Credit Education and Counseling, Money Management

Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation
1368 Fulton Street
Brooklyn, NY 11216
Tel: 718-636-6900
www.restorationplaza.org
Service(s) provided:
Financial advising, Personal Finance and Small Business Finances workshops

Bridge Street Development Corporation
460 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11216
Tel: 718-399-0146
www.bsdcorp.org
Service(s) provided:
Homeownership Education, Affordable Housing Developments, Senior Services, Community Organizing

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
NYC Business Solutions
335 Adams Street
Suite 2700
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 718-875-1000
www.ibrooklyn.com
Service(s) provided:
Business Financial Roadmap

Brooklyn Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
2359 86th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11214
Tel: 718-714-7146
www.brooklynhcc.org
Service(s) provided:
Personal Financial Planning

Brooklyn Legal Services - Corporation A
260 Broadway, Suite 2
Brooklyn, New York 11211
Tel: 718-487-2300
www.bka.org
Service(s) provided:
Free Legal Services (e.g.: Advice Representation, Advocacy)

Brooklyn Public Library
Central Library Commons
10 Grand Army Plaza
Brooklyn, NY 11238
Tel: 718-230-2100
www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org
Service(s) provided:
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Brooklyn-Wide Interagency Council of the Aging
5901 13th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11219
Tel: 718-686-1333
www.brooklynseniors.org
Service(s) provided:
Financial Planning for Seniors

Business Outreach Center Network
85 South Oxford Street, 2nd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11217
Tel: 718-624-9115
www.bocnet.org
Service(s) provided:
Financial Education tailored to helping entrepreneurs to start or grow their business

CAMBA Small Business Services
1720 Church Avenue, 2nd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11226
Tel: 718-287-2600
www.camba.org
Service(s) provided:
Entrepreneurial Finance Course

Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CACCI)
Brooklyn Navy Yard
63 Flushing Avenue, Building #5, Unit 239
Brooklyn, NY 11205
Tel: 718-834-4544
www.caribbeantradecenter.com
Service(s) provided:
Financing & Managing Your Business in Today's Economy

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens
191 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 718-722-6001
www.ccbq.org
Service(s) provided:
Financial Literacy Workshop once a month

Center for Family Life Employment Services
443 39th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11232
Tel: 718-633-4823
http://sco.org/programs/center-for-family-life/
Service(s) provided:
Adult Employment Programs, Financial Literacy and Tax Assistance

Community Organization of Southern Brooklyn
4006 Eighteenth Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11218
Tel: 718-435-1300
www.homeprogram.org/cosb/cosb
Service(s) provided:
Homeownership Education and Foreclosure Counseling

Council of Senior Centers & Services
195 Montague Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 718-858-2360
www.cscs-ny.org/money_management/index.php
Service(s) provided:
Helping seniors w/monthly bill paying process (e.g.: preparing checks, balancing checkbooks, budgeting, etc.)

Greater Sheepshead Bay Development Corporation
2107 East 22nd Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11220
Tel: 718-332-0520
chnycn.org/networkpartners/greater-sheepshead-bay-development-corporation/
Service(s) provided:
Homeowner/Foreclosure Education
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<td>Local Development Corporation of East New York</td>
<td>80 Jamaica Avenue, 3rd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11207</td>
<td>718-385-6700</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ldceny.org">www.ldceny.org</a></td>
<td>Counseling and training on credit, budgeting, identity theft, and financial products</td>
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<td>New American Chamber of Commerce</td>
<td>26 Court Street, Suite 701, Brooklyn, NY 11242</td>
<td>718-722-9217</td>
<td><a href="http://www.mynacc.org">www.mynacc.org</a></td>
<td>Avoiding bankruptcy, credit restoration, credit repair, identity theft, getting rid of student debt, and small business boot camp</td>
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<td>NHS of Bedford-Stuyvesant</td>
<td>1012 Gates Avenue, 1st Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11221</td>
<td>718-919-2100</td>
<td><a href="http://www.nhsbedstuy.org">www.nhsbedstuy.org</a></td>
<td>Youth Financial Literacy Workshop (13-18 years of age/parents welcome)</td>
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<td>NHS of East Flatbush</td>
<td>2806 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226</td>
<td>718-469-4679</td>
<td><a href="http://www.nhsnyc.org/east_flatbush/index.php">www.nhsnyc.org/east_flatbush/index.php</a></td>
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<td>Ocean Parkway Community Development Corporation</td>
<td>4006 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11218</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.opcdcny.org">www.opcdcny.org</a></td>
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<td>Operation Hope (Brooklyn)</td>
<td>539 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11216</td>
<td>718-773-7001</td>
<td><a href="http://www.operationhope.org/small-business">www.operationhope.org/small-business</a></td>
<td>Financial literacy, credit counseling services, home ownership/foreclosure prevention, and small business development workshop</td>
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<td>Organization for the Advancement of Nigerians</td>
<td>P.O. Box 23155, Brooklyn, NY 11202</td>
<td>888-719-1014</td>
<td><a href="http://www.oanweb.org">www.oanweb.org</a></td>
<td>Community Financial Education</td>
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<td>Pratt Area Community Council</td>
<td>1224 Bedford Avenue (at the corner of Hancock), Brooklyn, NY 11216</td>
<td>718-783-3549</td>
<td><a href="http://www.prattarea.org">www.prattarea.org</a></td>
<td>Homeowner Services and Financial Literacy</td>
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Primerica Financial Services
44 Court Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 718-237-8862
www.primerica.com/public/
Service(s) provided:
Life Insurance, College, Debt, Retirement

SUNY Empire State College
177 Livingston Street, Sixth Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 718-783-4400
www.esc.edu
Service(s) provided: Summer Boot Camps
dealing with issues of credit, financial services

World Financial Group
189 Montague Street #220
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel: 718-834-9000
www.fradelbarber.net
Service(s) provided: Financial education (child-adult), business solutions, college education and retirement planning, insurance, investments, long term care, estate preservation

World of Money
1441 Broadway, 5th Floor
PMB# 5084
New York, NY 10018
Tel: 888-945-8333
www.worldofmoney.org
Service(s) provided:
Teaches children ages 6 to 18 the importance of learning, earning, saving, investing and donating money
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Some Financial Education Tips:

• Avoid carrying a balance on a credit card; pay it off in full each month, if you can. Making only the minimum payment might get you by in the short term, but will leave you with nothing but debt in the long term.

• Research the institution that is granting your loan and read all the terms. Rushing to get a loan might get you the money more quickly, but can leave you with excessively high interest rates and harsh late fees. Avoid Payday Loans.

• Don’t use loans to pay off other loans. This will just perpetuate the debt cycle and make it difficult or even impossible to recover from ongoing debt.

• For additional finance tips, visit your local bank branch to obtain further financial information and services.

To have your financial services listed on Borough President Eric L. Adams’ Financial Literacy Resource List, please contact programs@brooklynbp.nyc.gov. Please send it in the block format used throughout this document for easy updating.

Disclaimer: Services provided by the vendors are part of the Borough President’s “Financial Literacy Empowerment Month” and are free of charge. The services offered cannot be contingent on your purchasing or contracting of additional services with the vendor.