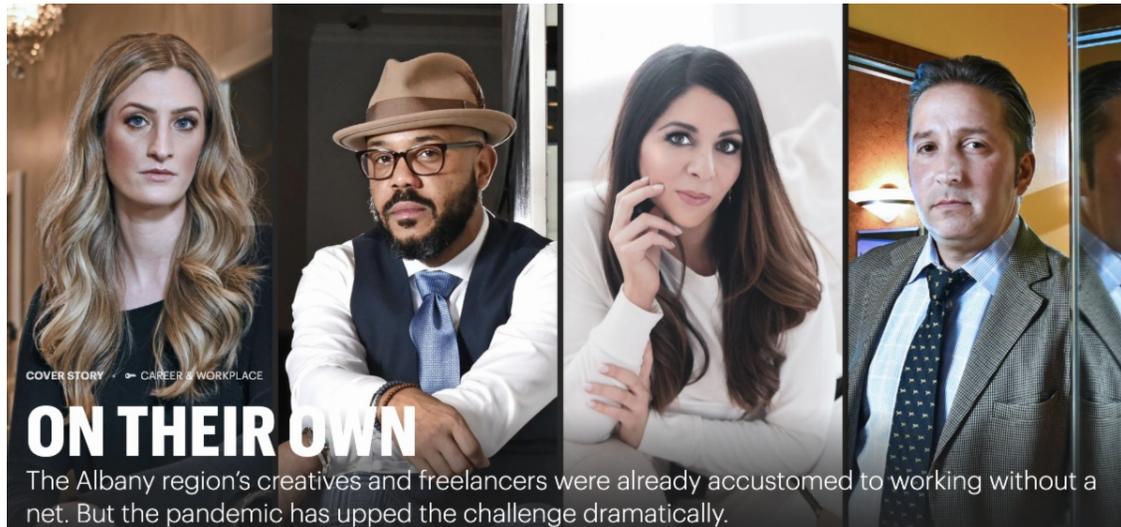


## Creative Freelancers: A Historic Challenge



This [Albany Business Review's](#) cover story details how the 16,000+ freelancers across the Capital Region are critically impacted by the pandemic. Maureen Sager, Executive Director of ACE, is featured in the article and talks about the crisis and its impact on the creative economy.

[Read the article here!](#)

## A Freelancer's Quarantine Reflection



[In this blog post](#), ACE's Gabby Fisher, freelancer & owner of [co-mads](#), writes on feeling uncertain about the future, struggles in obtaining governmental assistance, and finding happiness in hard times.

[Read the blog here!](#)

## Cap Region Creatives in Quarantine: President & CEO of SPAC, Elizabeth Sobol

ACE's Rachel Dunn sat down with SPAC President and CEO Elizabeth Sobol to talk about life -- and cooking, reading, music, and

the great outdoors -- during the pandemic.



Watch the discussion here!

## Small Business and Freelancer Emergency Relief Grants



**Community Loan Fund**  
of the Capital Region

**The Community Loan Fund** is offering grants of up to \$20,000 to freelancers and small businesses of less than 50 employees, to cover up to three months' operating expenses. [Click here for information and application.](#)

**CLF** is also offering an 8-week business planning course starting on May 9th, for those who want to develop their skills during quarantine. [Click here for more.](#)

## IMPORTANT! Health Insurance Open Enrollment Extended to June 15th

**Enroll Today!**

Have you lost your job, your health insurance, or some of your income due to COVID-19? **You can apply for no-, low- or reduced-price insurance through New York State of Health through June 15th.**

Apply at [NYStateofHealth.com](https://www.nystateofhealth.com), call NY State of Health Customer Service at 1-855-355-5777, or [click here](#) to get enrollment help.

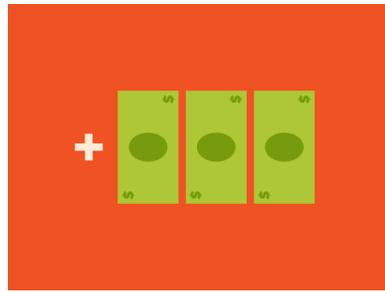
## Guidance and Resources for Freelancers



From Freelancers Union  
[Freelancers Union Guide to Pandemic Unemployment Insurance \(PUA\)](#)

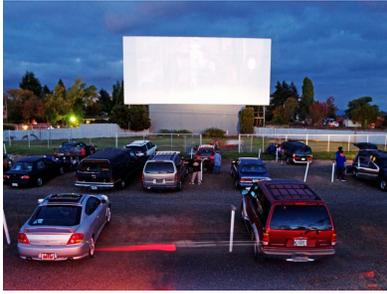


From Freelancers Union  
[What Freelancers Need to Know About EIDL Loans](#)



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[How PPP Loans Can Become Grants](#)

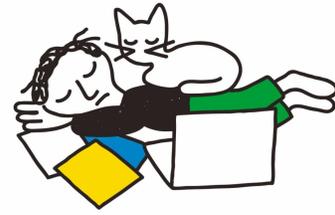
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[Humanities Grants Available for Museums, Cultural Orgs. More](#)



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[Signs You May Be Burning Out, and What to Do About It](#)

## Job and Volunteer Leads

- [Center for Economic Growth \(CEG\)](#) has job listings for a wide range of Capital Region companies. [Click here for more information.](#)
- [United Way of the Greater Capital Region](#) has in-person and virtual opportunities to volunteer with local agencies in need of support. [Please sign up via this link.](#)
- [Fusco Personnel Inc.](#) has leads on positions in the Capital Region. You can reach them at 1-800-34-FUSCO or [jobs@fuscopersonnel.net](mailto:jobs@fuscopersonnel.net).
- [Spectrum](#) is currently hiring over 200 Customer Service Representative Positions in their Rotterdam office. [Click here to apply.](#)
- [NYS Department of Labor Job Board](#) has job openings in Albany. [Click here for more.](#)
- [DeCrescente](#) has open job positions. [Please visit their site to apply.](#)
- [Blue Shield of NENY](#) is now hiring seasonal Medicare Sales Consultants. [Click here to apply.](#)
- [DAIM Logistics Inc.](#) has career openings for Professional Class A Truck Drivers and all levels of office personnel in the Capital Region. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)
- [CDTA](#) is currently hiring for multiple positions. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)
- [Compass Group](#) has multiple job openings in the Albany area. [Click here for more.](#)
- [Target](#) has many positions available across the Capital Region. [Click here for more.](#)
- [Lowe's Home Improvement](#) has many positions available across the Capital Region. [Click here for more.](#)

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