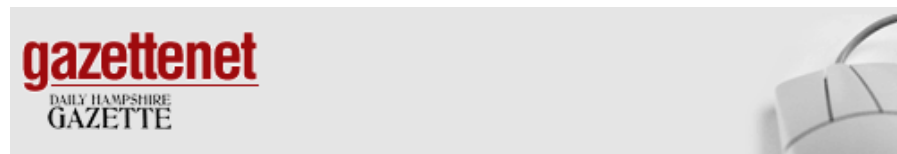


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EASTHAMPTON - The Valley Community Development Corp. and the Western Massachusetts Enterprise Fund will co-host an informational session tonight for small business owners or those thinking of starting their own business.

The fund is a nonprofit that offers business loans ranging from \$35,000 to \$200,000 to those who have been turned down by more traditional lending institutions.

Interest rates vary but are typically 3 to 5 percent above prime, said Loan Service Administrator Laurie Aruda.

Valley CDC Director of Small Business Development Gene R. Talsky said that some of the businesses he has assisted in Easthampton would not exist without loans from the fund.

"We have a longstanding relationship with them," he said. "They look at collateral and equity a little bit differently."

Those who planned to attend are asked to bring with them any financial information they have available, such as tax returns or a business plan.

The meeting will take place at the public safety complex at 32 Payson Ave. at 7 p.m.

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