



THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENTREPRENEUR LAW PROJECT: A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF 2021

The Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project (NELP) of the City Bar Justice Center (CBJC) provides free legal assistance and financial empowerment tools to microentrepreneurs in New York City with low-to-moderate incomes. Our objective is to assist members in the community who seek economic stability through entrepreneurship. We have been able to successfully meet our goals as a result of our enduring partnerships with community-based organizations, law firms, and legal departments throughout NYC. Furthermore, in 2021, NELP continued to help small businesses navigate the COVID-19 pandemic in hybrid and remote settings as pandemic relief programs became more limited. Below is a brief report that highlights NELP's achievements in 2021.

NELP'S 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



NELP held 9 online presentations with volunteers and community partners reaching 499 entrepreneurs.



388 volunteers engaged in providing pro bono legal assistance to NELP clients.



NELP organized 22 remote legal clinics providing 192 entrepreneurs with brief legal assistance.



Overall, NELP provided legal aid to 834 small businesses and entrepreneurs.

NELP's 2021 Client Demographics

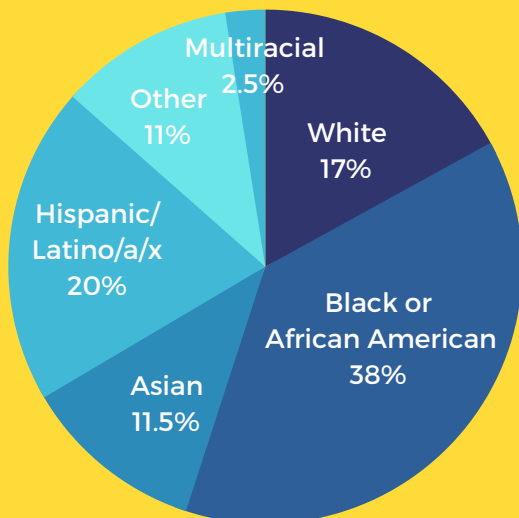
GENDER IDENTITY



Women: 63%

Men: 35%

LGBTQIA+: 2%



*Of clients who chose to self-identify

Types of legal issues NELP assisted clients with:

