New job tool for Bronx workers

"We believe the combination of supporting employment opportunities and enabling financial self-empowerment will have a tremendous positive impact on hard-hit communities," said Audrey Choi, head of Global Sustainable Finance at Morgan Stanley.

The new Jobs-Plus site will open in the spring and be operated by BronxWorks, a social services nonprofit, in partnership with the NYC Center for Economic Opportunity, the Department of Consumer Affairs of Financial Empowerment and the NYC Housing Authority.

"As residents connect with BronxWorks for employment and financial counseling, we will, in turn, connect them with area businesses, education partners and community resources," said Carolyn McLaughlin, executive director of the nonprofit.

"Our role is to facilitate residents in realizing an economically stable and work-supportive community." McLaughlin said BronxWorks plans to offer services for up to 600 people annually – residents from public housing projects such as the Betances Complex at 537 E. 146th St. and Moore Houses at 664 E. 149th St.

Along with job support, participants will be eligible for pre-GED, GED and ESL classes.