



Thank You For Attending WWE 2025!



Winter 2025
Wonderland
EXPERIENCE

Thank You
FOR COMING

THANK YOU FOR THE LAUGHTER AND EVERY
MOMENT IN BETWEEN. YOUR PRESENCE MADE
WINTER WONDERLAND 2025 UNFORGETTABLE. WE
APPRECIATE YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE JOURNEY



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We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us for our
Winter Wonderland Experience.

Your presence, energy, and support made the event truly magical.
From the laughter, the connections, the performances, and the shared joy, it was
an unforgettable evening, and *you* made it special.

A special thank you to our vendors, partners, volunteers, photographers, and the entire BBE community for bringing this vision to life.

We are grateful for each one of you.

VIEW EVENT PHOTOS BELOW

BAILEY MADELINE

BOBBY BLANKO



A big shoutout to all the **BBE** members celebrating their birthdays in **DECEMBER!** May your special day be filled with happiness, laughter, and cherished memories. Here's to you!

BBE members, please kindly share your updated membership information [here](#).

Your Invitation to Reimagine What BBE Can Be!



Stay connected, stay engaged, and be part of what's next for BBE
In the last few years, many companies have made big promises about equity. They hired diversity leaders, launched Black business initiatives, and spoke boldly about closing gaps. As political pressure and economic uncertainty grew, those budgets were often the first to go. Roles disappeared. Programs quietly wound down. A lot of organizations didn't even try to keep up the appearance; once the dust settled after George Floyd, they simply moved on...

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Exciting News!!!

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IS LIVE!**

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About this app
BBE App: Discover & Support Black-Owned Businesses. Download Now!

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Welcome
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Rashawnda C Scott BBE
As a woman who finds joy in witnessing the success of ...
Posts • 2 hours ago

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Forums • Created 22 days ago

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As a woman who finds joy in witnessing the success of ...
2 hours ago

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Every great business begins with a vision, and every visio...
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Get to **connect, grow, thrive and enjoy the community** like never before!

We bring you **exclusive resources, networking, and business solutions**
at your fingertips.

Download now to enjoy seamless interaction!

JOIN US

MEMBERSHIP

OPEN

BBE
BLACK BUSINESS
E N T E R P R I S E S



BBE Membership is OPEN—Join the Movement!

Are you a **Black entrepreneur, business owner, or aspiring leader**
looking for a **thriving community, exclusive opportunities, and real**
business growth?

This is your moment!

JOIN US

GRANTS APPLICATION

HERSUITE SPOT®

HerRise MicroGrant – FREE to Apply!

The HerRise Micro-Grant provides financial assistance, with the help of our corporate sponsors and donors, to women of color creating innovative solutions that impact their community and who are often unable to secure funding for their small businesses.

Deadline: Evergreen

[APPLY HERE](#)



Innovate Grant – FREE to Apply!

Quarterly grants of \$1,800 to professional artists and photographers.

Deadline: December 30th, 2025

[APPLY HERE](#)



Verizon Grant – FREE to Apply!

Since 2021, we've awarded \$14 million in grants to small businesses. We've partnered with LISC to provide 50 small businesses with grants this round.

Deadline: December 10th, 2025

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Wish Local Grant – FREE to Apply!

We recognize that as a large e-commerce company we have the responsibility to help uplift others. Black-owned small businesses have long faced hardship due to systemic racism. But small businesses like yours are integral to the makeup of America. So we are dedicating a \$2M dollar fund to give roughly 4,000 Wish Local small business partners financial support. The selected recipients will receive amounts between \$500 - \$2000. This program will only be open to Black-owned stores, to help promote equality and diversity in American business.

Deadline: Evergreen

[APPLY HERE](#)



EDA Business Development Fund – FREE to Apply!

The Cook County/Grand Marais Joint Economic Development Authority (EDA) is now accepting applications for the Business Development Fund Grant Program for the 2026 calendar year.

This reimbursement-based grant program provides up to \$25,000 to support local small businesses and entrepreneurs, encourage public-private investment, and strengthen Cook County's overall economy.

Deadline: Evergreen

APPLY HERE

Freed Fellowship Grant



Apply Today For a \$2,500 Small Business Grant!

Plus get feedback on your business and two months of free mentorship in our vibrant online community for entrepreneurs and business owners.

Deadline: Evergreen

[APPLY HERE](#)

terra Foundation for
American Art

Expanding Narratives of American Art!

Terra Foundation for American Art fosters intercultural dialogues and encourages transformative practices through grants and collection loans to cultural institutions worldwide.

Deadline: March 6th, 2026

[APPLY HERE](#)



Power Forward Small Business Grant!

The Power Forward Small Business Grant program aims to create a lasting impact through the economic empowerment of Black-owned small businesses across New England. Through a combined commitment of \$1 million, Vistaprint and the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation are teaming up with the NAACP to award transformative grants of \$25,000 on a rolling basis. Through this initiative, grant recipients will have opportunities to be featured on national co-branded platforms, along with receiving marketing and design resources customized to their specific needs to help their business grow and thrive.

Deadline: Evergreen

[APPLY HERE](#)



Freed Fellowship Grant – FREE to Apply

Since 2006, the NASE has awarded nearly \$1,000,000 to members just like you through the Growth Grants program by providing small business grants. Grants can be used for marketing, advertising, hiring employees, expanding facilities and other specific business needs.

Deadline: December 13th, 2025

APPLY HERE



Announcing the DoorDash Local Business Disaster Relief Fund

This program is your opportunity to build a stronger, more resilient business with capital investment designed to help you get back on your feet and continue serving your community!

Deadline: January 6th, 2026

APPLY HERE



MN Promise Act – FREE to Apply

Round 2 of the MN PROMISE Act Grant for Minneapolis and Saint Paul is open now. The deadline to apply is December 14.

Click below to start your application.

Deadline: Evergreen

APPLY HERE

Business
SPOTLIGHT



Mamady Konneh is a Cybersecurity thought leader, specializing in Identity and Access Management, with more than a decade of experience across diverse sectors, including Software as a Service (SaaS), healthcare, finance, hospitality, and retail. His leadership and successful deployment of identity and access management programs at previous organizations paved the way for his role as the Lead of Identity Governance and Administration at Okta, the world's premier identity and access management company.

During his academic journey at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, where he earned his master's degree in Security Technologies, Mamady embarked on a mission, where he undertook research and masterminded the development of a secure digital identification program for Guinea Conakry, West Africa. His visionary work in this domain earned him the privilege of presenting the aforementioned program at the Smart Security Week, a global identity conference held in Marseille, France, in 2018.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Mamady is the founder and Executive Director of WeNetworkNow, a non-profit organization that is on a mission to empower individuals of diverse backgrounds by facilitating networking and opportunities through its professional development and mentorship programs. The impact of WeNetworkNow in the community has been nothing short of remarkable, earning Mamady the esteemed Minnesota 2021 Outstanding Refugee and Immigrant Awards, a testament to his unwavering commitment to fostering positive change.

Mamady's passion for community service has deep roots in his upbringing, from assisting his parents with household chores, spending his vacation time working alongside his grandparents on the farm, to taking care of his siblings at an early

age. For Mamady, serving his community is the driving force that motivates him each morning.

WEBSITE

Upcoming EVENTS

SUNDAY
12.07.25
PRESENTED BY BE A SISTER FOUNDATION

EVANGELIST
Cearah
HAMILTON

Sarah
NAVA

Kennadi
WATKINS

MINISTER
Madison
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WHO AM I in Christ?

DOORS OPEN
AT 5:30PM

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A CATERED DINNER
& DISCUSSION

REGISTER AT BEASISTERFOUNDATION.ORG


Who Am I In Christ?

 December 7th. 2025.

 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us for an intimate evening of conversation, connection, and clarity as we gather to dive deeper into Who We Are in Christ. Enjoy a beautifully catered dinner and meaningful discussion led by dynamic speakers ***Sarah Naava, Kennadi Watkins, Evangelist Cearah Hamilton, and Minister Madison Dill.*** Come ready to be inspired, encouraged, and reminded of your identity in Him through authentic dialogue, community, and good food shared in good company.


Register




COATED IN LOVE PRESENTS


3,000 ACTS OF KINDNESS


Through 3,000 Acts of Kindness, we'll bring dignity, comfort, and hope to those who need it most. Whether you're donating your time, resources, or simply a smile, your presence matters.




Join us for a powerful day of giving and human connection as we come together to serve those experiencing homelessness in our community.

 **Monday, December 8th**

 **9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



 **MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER**

DONATE TODAY! →

Who Am I In Christ?

 **December 8th, 2025.**

 **9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Join us for a powerful day of giving and human connection as we come together to serve those experiencing homelessness in our community. On **Monday**,

December 8th, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the **Minneapolis Convention Center**, you can be part of something truly meaningful. Through **3,000 Acts of Kindness**—like providing warm winter coats, personal care items, meals, and heartfelt conversations—we'll bring dignity, comfort, and hope to those who need it most. Whether you're donating your time, resources, or simply a smile, your presence matters.

Donate

PRESENTED BY GODNHER & BE A SISTER FOUNDATION

PRAYER JOURNAL
Pajama
PARTY

FRIDAY NIGHT
DECEMBER 12, 2025 6:30PM
THE LUXE AT HARMON | BBE Headquarters

Pizza Provided | Journals Provided | Art Materials Provided


Habakkuk 2:2

\$15

Register at Beasisterfoundation.org

Prayer Journal Pajama Party!

 December 12th, 2025.

 6:30 PM

Be a Sister Foundation is dedicated to empowering women of all ages to navigate and heal from unforgiveness and relational challenges.

Register Here



Creativity on Tap

A concert series from COMPAS



T. Mychael Rambo



Terrell X

An evening with COMPAS Teaching Artists who bring music and creativity to the community.

- Live music and Spoken Word by T. Mychael Rambo, Terrell X, and host Frank Sentwali. In-person art-creation by Heidi Jeub. Music throughout the evening from house DJ Biig Miic of KRSM Radio.
- Tasty food, drinks, and good vibes.
- December 18, 2025 (6-8pm, doors open at 5:30pm) at Black Business Enterprises (1128 Harmon Pl Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55403)
- \$10 if purchased in advance. \$15 at the door.

Learn more and purchase tickets

compas.org/creativityontapconcert

Questions? Email sam@compas.org



Sip. Celebrate. Enjoy!

 December 18th. 2025.

 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Ease into winter break! Join us for a laid-back evening of tasty food & drinks, good vibes, and amazing performances & live art-making by COMPAS Teaching Artists **T. Mychael Rambo**, **Terrell X**, **Frank Sentwali**, **Heidi Jeub**, and **DJ Biig Miic**, all in celebration of Minnesota's amazing educators.

Register Here

Cost: \$50

(All Materials inclusive)

Get in the holiday spirit, bring a friend...

Sweet Heaven

BY NNE

Cake N' Sip

Come warm up in a safe, creative space decorating a personal sized cake of your own and sip on some bubbly!

19th Dec. 2025



 **6pm-8pm**

Scan the QR code to Register



**BBE, 1128 Harmon Pl. Ste 200,
Minneapolis, MN 55403**

Cake N' Sip!

 December 19th. 2025.

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Come and enjoy a fun time creating a personal sized cake for yourself or to gift someone. All materials provided including packaging to take your cake home. Bring a friend! We will have some wine but feel free to BYOB

[Register Here](#)

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BLACK
DEC GREEN & GOLD 20TH
Edition

THE LATE
NIGHT
SOCIAL 

A FUNDRAISING EVENT
THE LOFTON HOTEL
601 1ST AVENUE NORTH, MINNEAPOLIS
8PM - 12AM

The Late Night Social-Black, Green & Gold Edition!

 December 20th. 2025.

 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Join us for **The Late Night Social — Black, Green & Gold Edition**, a cultural fundraising experience presented in partnership with the Mish A Foundation and The Lofton Hotel. This exclusive edition blends upscale nightlife energy with meaningful impact, where style meets purpose and every moment supports a greater cause. Your presence truly makes a difference.

[Register Here](#)

UPDATE ON BBE SPACE!



THE LUXE AT HARMON BY BBE

Venue Booking Fees Starting January

Dear BBE Member, We'd like to inform you that starting January, all event space bookings will include: **\$100** non-refundable cleaning fee and a **\$30/hr** staff fee for event support. Thank you for being a valued member of the BBE community!

\$100 Cleaning Fee

\$30/hr Staff Fee



**BBE
MEMBERS
ONLY**

Dear BBE Member, Do you need a perfect venue for your next event?

From birthdays to weddings, corporate functions, Dinner, Gala, Conference, Seminar, Talk Show, music concerts and more — our stunning BBE space is here for YOU!

Booking available Monday – Friday for **FREE** (Members should reach out about weekend events)

Exclusive for BBE Members Only

For enquiries: designs@blackbusinessenterprises.org

Secure your date today — space fills up fast!

BOOK HERE

About Us

LEARN MORE

OUR CORE VALUES

1. Lead with Love
2. Show up!
3. Invest in Yourself
4. Give Back
5. **JEDI** is Everything

JUSTICE
EQUITY
DIVERSITY
INCLUSION

We are excited to bring you the latest news and updates from our organization. As a collective of Black-owned businesses, we continue to strive towards empowering ourselves and our communities through economic growth and development.

We are seeking individuals who share our core values and are committed to upholding them.

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1-1 MEETING WITH NANCY

Duration: 30 minutes
Platform: Web conferencing details provided upon confirmation.

Discussion Points:

Let's explore how we can elevate your business to new heights. Together, we'll refine your strategy, enhance your business plan, and turn your vision into reality. Ready to take the next step?

[BOOK A CALL](#)



Support

BLACK BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

We welcome you to stand with us in our mission. By backing Black-owned businesses, you're not just fostering economic growth within our community, but also advancing equality and social justice.

Your contributions play a pivotal role in empowering us to sustain our goal of nurturing a flourishing community of Black-owned enterprises. We're confident that through your kindness, we can forge a brighter tomorrow for both ourselves and future generations.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support and generosity. Together, we have the power to enact meaningful change.

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Services

WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER?



VENUE

Rent our space for events, birthday parties, graduations, dinners, workshops, small weddings, and more!

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VIRTUAL OFFICE

Don't want your home address to be public to the world? Get a Virtual office with us.

[GET YOUR ADDRESS](#)

GROUPS

168 Facebook group communities with a total of 3.6 million users to connect with.

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PROGRAMS

Credit Workshops, Marketing,
Business Development, and more.

[FIND A CLASS](#)

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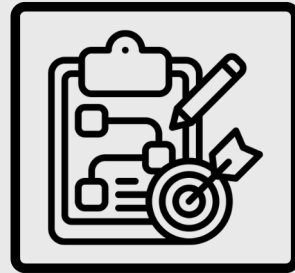
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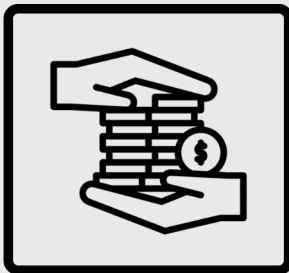
Over 100 New Businesses
Opened



Over 200 New
Websites



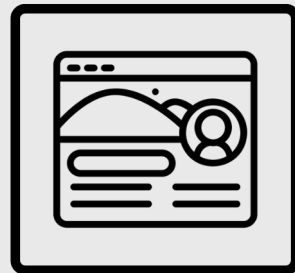
Over 100 Business
Plans



Over 80 Businesses
Funded by Partner Banks



Over 150 Logos Created and
Branding



Over 5000 Posts Created for
Members

PODCAST

We feature local business owners that need spotlight.

Watch our educational podcast where we discuss homeownership, credit, law, business, accounting, and more. **40k to 80k viewers weekly.**

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Black Business Enterprises
Podcast:Credit in the Arts

41 weeks ago · 78.9K views

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EVENTS

Join us at our monthly events to learn, connect with potential customers, expand your professional network and get to know your supportive business family.

[EVENTS](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Not a member yet?

Join our growing community of
Entrepreneurs!

We all need a YOU

Let us help you with your business!

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CREDIT

We give our members an opportunity to learn how to improve their credit and how to legally dispute incorrect items on their report, pay off debts, and improve their financial lives.

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Hello BBE Members,

We are in the process of updating our records and kindly request all members to complete the information update by filling out the following form.

[UPDATE INFORMATION FORM](#)



BLACK BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Black Business Enterprises Fund (BBE) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization based in Minneapolis, M.N.

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