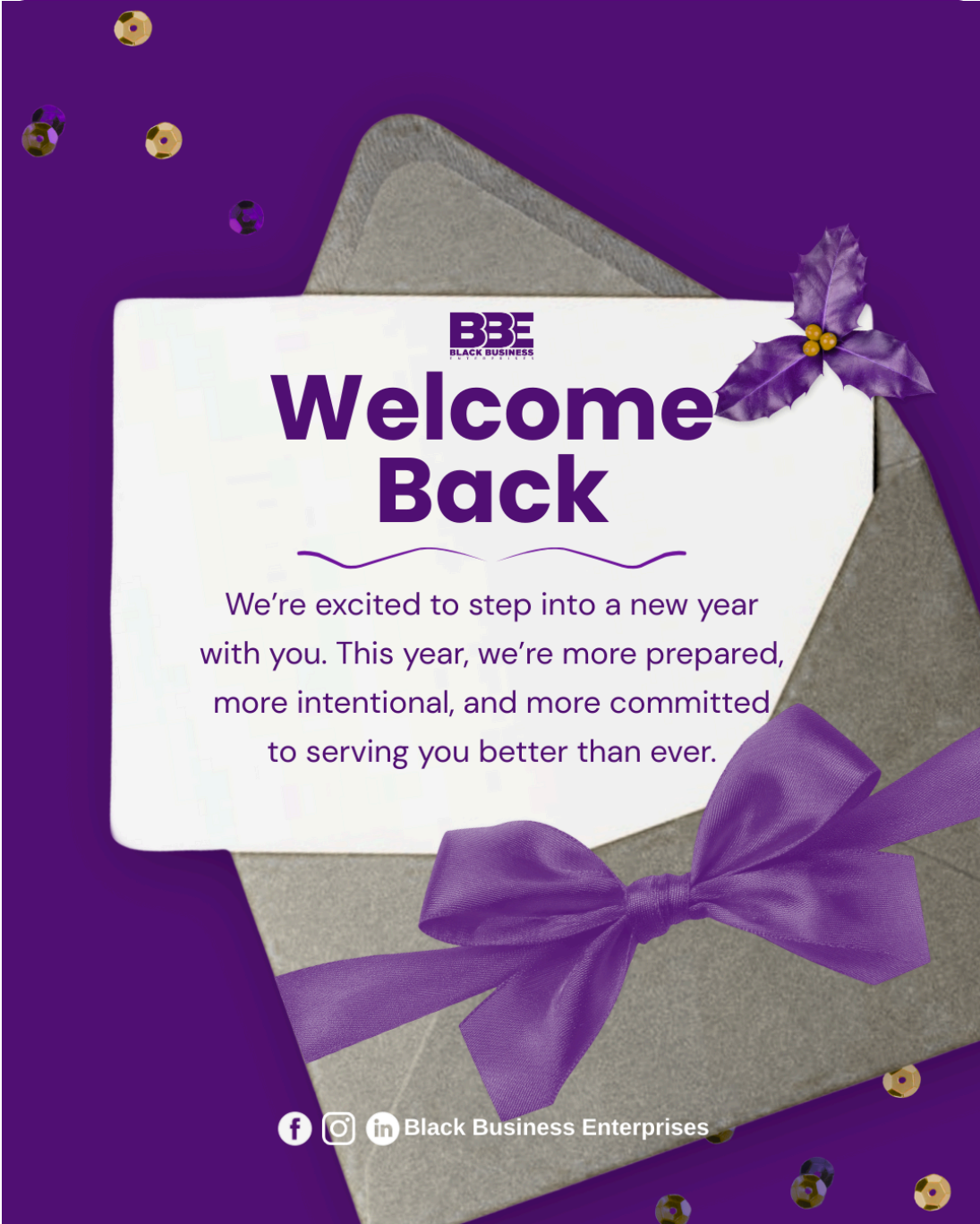







HAPPY NEW YEAR BBE FAMILY!



   Black Business Enterprises

We're stepping into 2026 more focused, intentional, and ready to support your business growth. If you're looking for clarity, strategy, help with marketing or the right resources to move forward this year, we'd love to connect.

[BOOK A CALL](#)

The 6th Annual Black Business Ball!



Get ready for a night of Celebration, Networking, and Fun!

We invite you to step through the gates of our Secret Garden for the 6th Annual Black Business Ball – an evening where vines, florals, and soft light frame a celebration of Black excellence, legacy, and limitless possibility.

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

JANUARY CELEBRANTS!



Happy Birthday



January

A big shoutout to all the **BBE** members celebrating their birthdays in **JANUARY!** 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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BBE

BLACK BUSINESS
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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](#)



Minnesota Community IDEAS Grant Program!

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation launched a new annual statewide grant program in 2025. As the Minnesota community grant partner of the Bush Foundation, we will grant \$1.6 million each year from 2025 through 2027 to eligible organizations located in and serving Minnesota and the 11 Native Nations within the same geography.

Deadline: Jan 28, 2026

[APPLY HERE](#)



The Minnesota Trade Office (MTO)!

The Minnesota Trade Office (MTO), an office within the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, is soliciting applications for funding for eligible Minnesota-based small businesses to participate in export development activities that will assist the company to begin exporting or increase their exports from Minnesota.

Deadline: June 30th, 2026.

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

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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

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Wish Local Empowerment Program

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

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The logo for the MN Promise Act, featuring the letters "MN" in a large, dark green, sans-serif font. To the right of "MN" is a white outline of the state of Minnesota with a small dark green star in the lower right corner. Below "MN" and the state outline is the text "PROMISE ACT" in a dark green, sans-serif font.

MN
PROMISE ACT

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

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Business
SPOTLIGHT



Shakirah Edwards is a dynamic multimedia host, content creator, and event planner. With over 10 years of hosting experience, she is taking her craft to new heights with the launch of her communications business, The Conversation Curator.

Her latest project, the \$100 Spotlight Interviews, launches this month through her mini show Shak With The Facts.

Connect with Shakirah and support her journey

LET'S CONNECT

Upcoming EVENTS



New Year. New Levels. Same Mission.

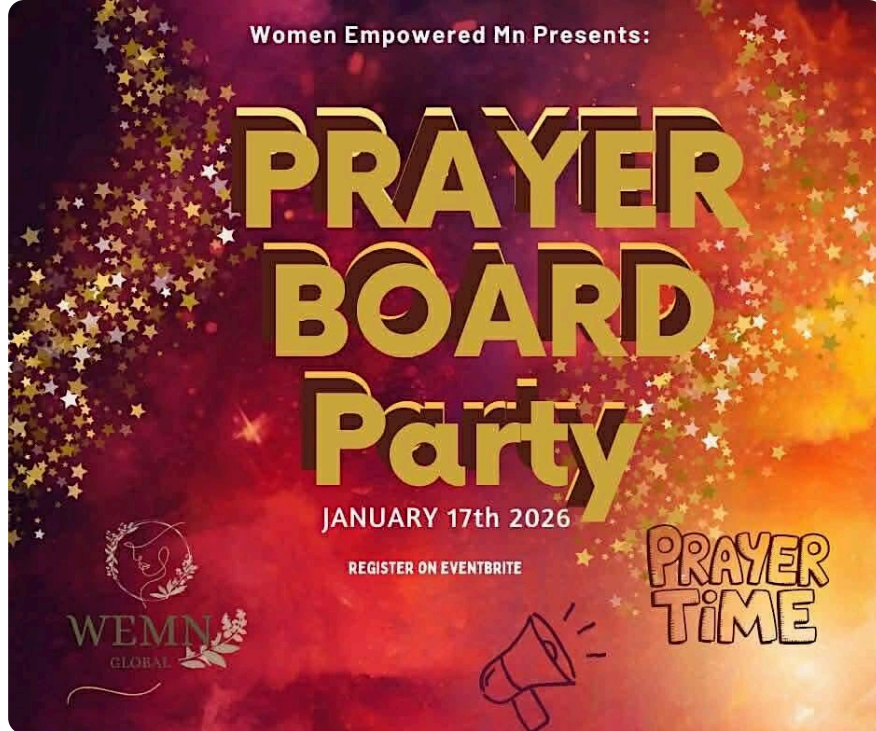
 January 9th, 2025.

As we kick off the new year, we're doing a BBE Membership Refresh—and we want you in the loop as we update member rates and benefits.

Join us this Friday for Member-First Fridays.

Come connect and help shape what membership becomes in 2026. We'll have time set aside to collect feedback and hear directly from members.

RSVP



Prayer Board Party

 January 17th, 2025.

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join Women Empowered MN for a meaningful and uplifting Prayer Board Party designed to help you reflect, pray, and creatively set intentions. This gathering is a safe and welcoming space for women to come together in faith, encouragement, and community. During the event, you'll create your own prayer board—focusing on personal growth, spiritual goals, and prayers for yourself and others. Through guided prayer, conversation, and creativity, you'll leave feeling refreshed, empowered, and connected.

[Register](#)

"THE HOTTEST URBAN IMPROV COMEDY SHOW IN THE TWIN CITIES"

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**JAN 30TH,
2026** | **"Wild N Out
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Comedy Chaos!

 January 30th, 2025.

Comedy Chaos is coming to the Twin Cities on January 30th, 2026 — bringing high-energy, urban improv comedy *Wild 'N Out*-style! Hosted by Juice Sutton & Ashli Henderson, this is a night of nonstop laughs you don't want to miss.

[Register Here](#)

Join Us for an
Elegant Masked Mixer Event




An intimate evening
of connection and
fundraising

→ February 27, 2026
7 PM

Masked Fund-raiser Mixer!

February 27th. 2025.

7:00 PM

Join us for an inspiring evening of celebration, generosity, and purpose at this mixer and silent auction in support of Women Empowered MN! Step into an evening of mystery, elegance, and meaningful impact at the Women Empowered MN Mixer.

[Join Here](#)

UPDATE ON BBE SPACE!



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!

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About Us

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OUR CORE VALUES

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Lead with Love | J USTICE |
| 2. Show up! | E QUITY |
| 3. Invest in Yourself | D IVERSITY |
| 4. Give Back | I NCLUSION |
| 5. JEDI is Everything | |

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.

[CLICK TO ALL THINGS BBE](#)



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



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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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.

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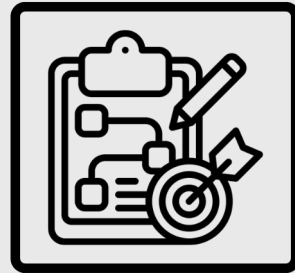
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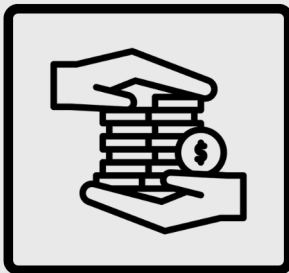
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Over 200 New
Websites



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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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.

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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.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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](#)



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