



AUGUST CELEBRANTS!



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

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



THANK

YOU FOR COMING TO OUR

MEET & GREET



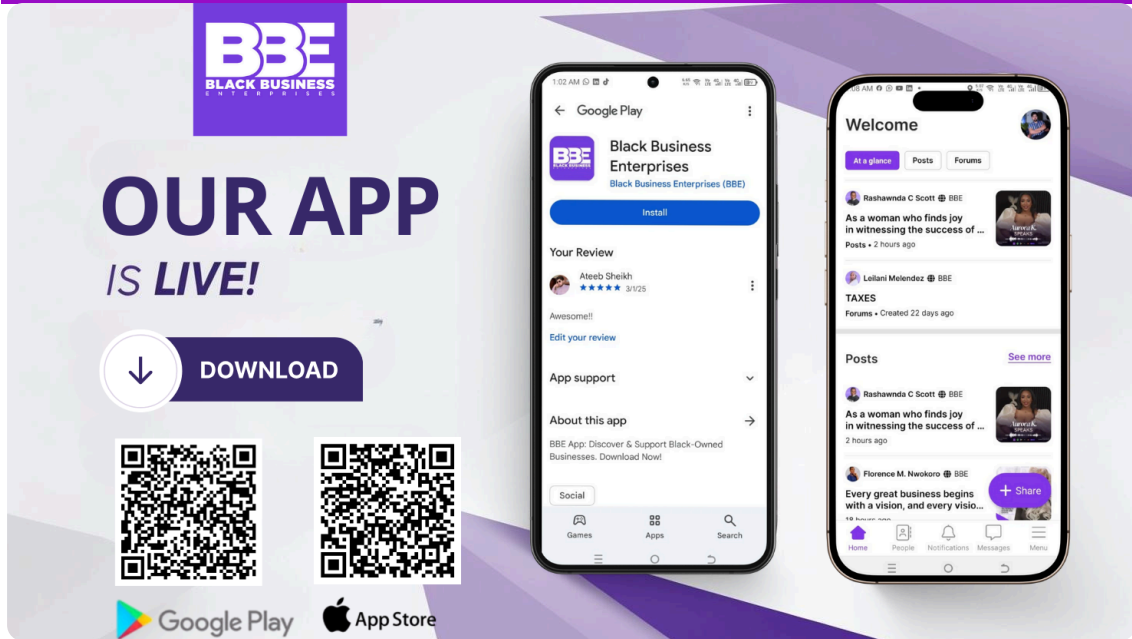
To everyone who showed up, shared space with us, and poured their energy into the room — you are truly special to us. Your presence didn't just fill the seats, it filled the room with purpose, passion, and possibility.

We're so grateful you chose to spend your time with us at **BBE Meet and Greet 1.0**, and we're incredibly excited to see you again soon. **This is only the beginning — let's keep growing and building together.**

Click the link below to relive the moments and view event photos

[PHOTOS](#)

Exciting News!!!



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
ENTERPRISES



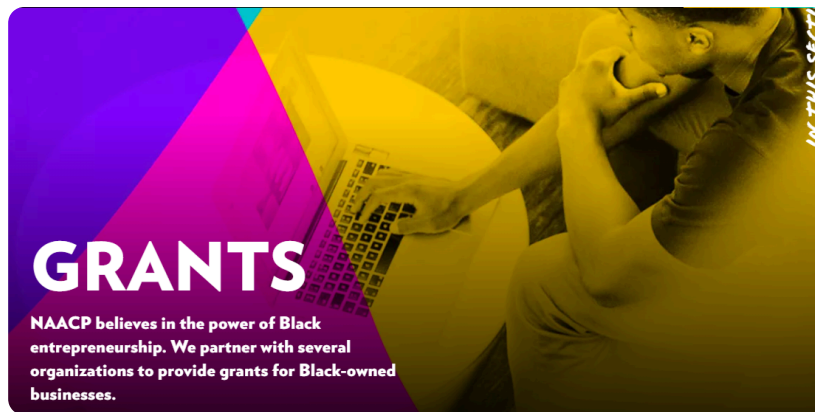
BBE Membership is OPEN—Join the Movement!

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



Powershift Entrepreneur Grant!

The NAACP Powershift Entrepreneur Grant aims to empower Black entrepreneurs and businesses through funding and resources and has, in previous years, contributed largely to the growth of Black businesses across the nation.

All rising and established Black entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply for the Powershift Entrepreneur Grant. Businesses selected will receive a \$25,000 grant along with resources as tools to propel their futures.

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.

[APPLY HERE](#)



Nase Growth Grants

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.

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Your #1 Resource For Small Business Grants and Resources

Discover small business grants and resources for every stage of your small business adventure, recommended based on your unique profile and delivered to your inbox weekly. The search for free money doesn't get any easier!

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The Amber Grant

WomensNet founded the “Amber Grant” in 1998. The grant was set up with one goal in mind: to honor the memory of a very special young woman, Amber Wigdahl, who died at just 19 years old — before realizing her business dreams.

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CMG HOME LOANS



I am a mortgage lender who was born and raised in North Minneapolis. I am all too familiar with some of the disparities that we face as not only a community but as a State, and I wanted to do my part to try and change the narrative for BIPOC people and home ownership.

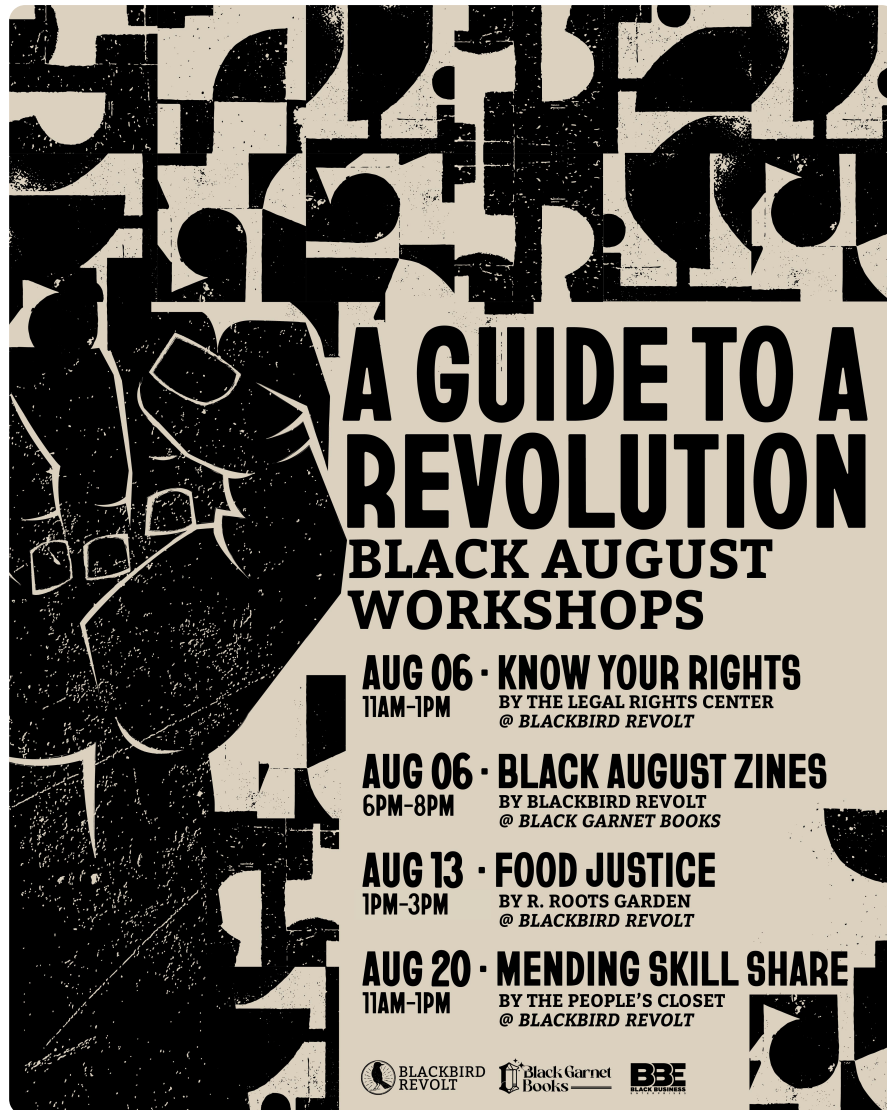
My why is simply to help more families gain access to wealth through real estate.

What sets me apart from a lot of other lenders is that I am in the trenches with my clients, meaning if you are ready to move forward today or not, I am with you every step of the way through closing day!

Phone: 612.227.5743

CONTACT

Upcoming EVENTS



A Guide to A Revolution!

 August 6th-20th. 2025.

 11 AM - 1 PM

A Guide to a Revolution is a tool for [Blackbird Revolt](#) to help build skills and knowledge within the community. We believe these skills are crucial elements of continuing to organize and build community. We intend to create a space where folks can walk away with skills and knowledge that was relevant, is relevant, and always will be relevant.

[Register](#)



MEET AND GREET 2.0 VERSION
In-Person or Virtual

Judah Zoe is a Minneapolis-based singer-songwriter who grew up in an artistic family and began writing and performing original, multi-genre music at 12. Inspired by artists like India.Arie and Lizzy McAlpine, her songs reflect love, loss, and everyday lessons. She hopes to one day create a full-length recorded project.

PERFORMING LIVE
JUDAH ZOE
Singer-Songwriter

1128 Harmon PL, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN Thu, 7th Aug 2025 5:00pm - 8:00pm CST

HELLO NANCY talk SHOW

BBE BLACK BUSINESS ENTERPRISES **NANCY** DAVIS www.blackbusinessenterprises.org

BBE MEET & GREET 2.0!

 August 7th. 2025.

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us for an exciting Meet and Greet happening on Thursday, August 7th, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM — available in-person and virtually. Whether you're a valued member, a supportive friend, or simply curious about what we do, this is the perfect opportunity to connect, engage, and grow with like-minded individuals and business professionals. Let's build together, share ideas, and discover new ways to elevate your business journey. We can't wait to meet you!

Register

LASAA

2025

- + 19 ARTISTS & 50+ ARTWORKS
- + LIVE BIDDING
- + LIVE MUSIC
- + RAFFLES
- + HORS D'OEUVRES



GENERAL ADMISSION
\$35 early bird
\$40 online
\$42 at the door

EXPERIENCE ART & COMMUNITY

LASAA 2025

LIVE ACTION SILENT ART AUCTION

Join us for an unforgettable evening at The Hennepin in downtown Minneapolis—where creativity enriches our community. Bid on stunning works of visual art, enjoy live music performances, and be part of a powerful night that supports Read With Me MN, a local nonprofit championing literacy and youth empowerment.

AUGUST 8

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS

Presented by Studio 42 Mpls in Partnership with Read With Me MN
A Special Thanks to this year's Sponsors and Partners



Located at The Hennepin

900 Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55403

LASAA 2025!



Friday August 8th, 2025.



5 PM - 10 PM

History is being made this August—join us in downtown Minneapolis for the inaugural LASAA: a one-night-only collision of art, culture, and community at The Hennepin!

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**JOIN US FOR A VIBRANT
CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY**

ART CRAWL WITH BBE

**EXPERIENCE: AUGUST 11,
2025, IN MINNEAPOLIS**



BLACKBUSINESSENTERPRISES.ORG
1128 HARMON PL, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403



ART CRAWL ACTIVATION



August 11th. 2025.



4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us for an unforgettable celebration of sound and color at Black Business Enterprises' Art Crawl Activation!

Experience live art, soulful music, and vibrant community engagement on August 11, 2025, at BBE HQ in Minneapolis.

Please fill out the form below to RSVP and get involved.

Register



Legacy Yacht Cruise.



August 15th. 2025.



6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Wander freely, connect with fellow guests, and soak in the spirit of the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder's legacy — all with stunning river views as your backdrop.

Don't forget to stop by the photo station to capture the moment — and of course, show off your nautical flair for a chance to win our Best Dressed Contest!

[Register](#)



Boots on the Ground Cookout After-Party!

 August 30th. 2025.

 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Come wind down and turn up at **Be the Change MN**, where we bring people together over incredible food, powerful connections, and a shared commitment to making a difference.

Whether you're coming from the course, the cookout, or just ready to vibe with the community, this after-party is the place to be. Good food, great people, real impact.

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About Us

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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, graduation, dinners, workshops, small weddings, and more!

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VIRTUAL OFFICE

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

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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.

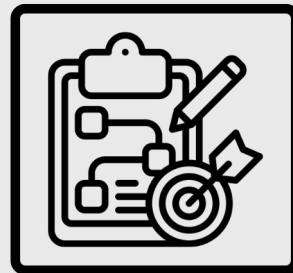
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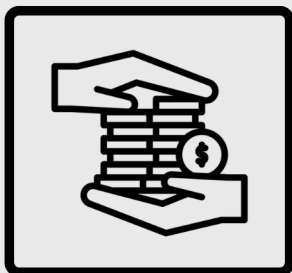
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Opened



Over 200 New
Websites



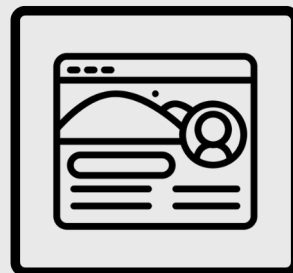
Over 100 Business
Plans



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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Podcast:Credit in the Arts

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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!

LEARN MORE





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](#)



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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