



# THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR MEET & GREET 2.0



We're so grateful you chose to spend your time with us at **BBE Meet and Greet 2.0**, 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



A big shoutout to all the **BBE** members celebrating their birthdays in **SEPTEMBER!** 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](#).

**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**

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Welcome to Black Business Enterprises

# BOOK OUR SPACE FOR YOUR EVENTS

- ➔ Birthdays
- ➔ Weddings
- ➔ Corporate Functions
- ➔ Music Concerts
- ➔ And Many More

For enquiries:



[designs@blackbusinessenterprises.org](mailto:designs@blackbusinessenterprises.org)



BOOK NOW

**BOOKING DAYS:  
MONDAY - FRIDAY**

 **Weekends Excluded**



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 (**weekends excluded**) for **FREE**

Exclusive for BBE Members Only

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Secure your date today — space fills up fast!

## GRANTS APPLICATION



## **Galaxy Grant – FREE to Apply!**

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

**APPLY HERE**

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**U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

## **Coalition to Back Black Businesses!**

The CBBB was established in September 2020 by American Express, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the National Black Chamber of Commerce, National Business League, U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., and Walker's Legacy.

These partners worked together to provide over \$14 million in grants, mentoring/coaching, and resources to empower small businesses in economically distressed communities.

**APPLY HERE**

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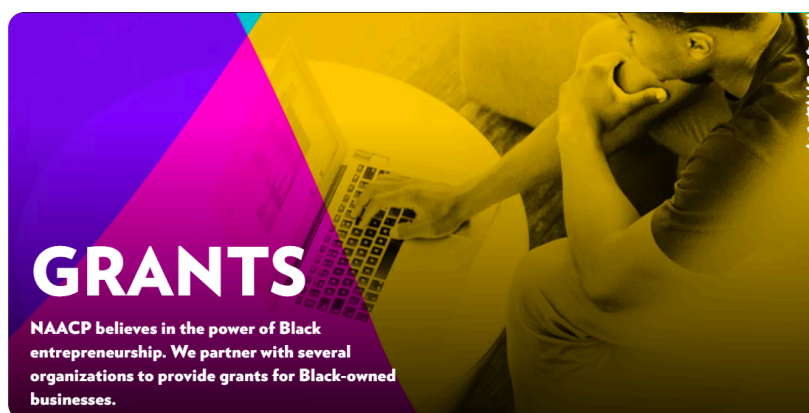
## **Freed Fellowship Grant**



**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

[APPLY HERE](#)



## **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](#)



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.

[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!

[APPLY HERE](#)

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# *Business* SPOTLIGHT



The MAN DOWN Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness and breaking the stigma around men's mental health through the powerful mediums of art, fashion, and community. Founded by Gayle Smaller Jr., the project was born from a deep passion to create safe spaces where men can express vulnerability, confront societal expectations, and foster healing.

What sets The MAN DOWN Project apart is its unique fusion of creativity and advocacy — using fashion shows, storytelling, and community events to spark honest conversations about mental health challenges faced by men. Through this innovative approach, the organization not only uplifts men's voices but also builds supportive networks to promote lasting change.

There are many ways to support The MAN DOWN Project — from attending events and volunteering, to making donations or becoming a sponsor. Every contribution helps expand the conversation and impact more lives.

To learn more or get involved, visit [www.themandownproject.org](http://www.themandownproject.org) or email Gayle Smaller Jr. directly at [gayle@themandownproject.org](mailto:gayle@themandownproject.org).

CONNECT

# Upcoming EVENTS



## Dating As A Man-The Masculine!

 September 6th. 2025.

 6 PM - 9 PM



An interactive candid conversation experience exploring love, sex & commitment—plus an afterparty mixer curated for real connection.

Register

**GODFLOW 2025 FEST**  
BRINGING HOPE TO THE STREETS

VENUE: 515 JERSEY AVENUE SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
WITH SPECIAL GUEST: **ACE HOOD**  
SAT 9/06 5:00PM  
\$20 ADMISSION  
HOSTED BY: **TYTIST** **CELENA LENA**

**BRIANA SHANAE** **MIKE TEEZY** **B DIFFERENT** **DIJAI**

**CHRIS ELIJAH** **F'RAEL** **LEWIEE BLAZE** **MUJA** **FRANCHESCA**

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!  
**GODFLOWFEST.COM**

Logos at the bottom include: THE MAN UP CLUB, KANSAS CITY JAZZ, COCA-COLA FOUNDATION, BOOST 92.9, UNITED WAY, NEIGHBORHOOD HUB, HOLY CULTURE, and KRAUS-ANDERSON.

## GODFLOW FEST!

 September 6th. 2025.

 5 PM - 9 PM

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Godflow Fest, the positive and inspirational music festival, is set to return to Minneapolis on Saturday, September 6th. The event, which will be taped for national television, will feature a powerful lineup of 20 exceptional emcees selected from across the nation, all united by a message of hope and inspiration.

[Register](#)

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**LET GO LET FLOW**  
*Presents*  
Wealth is Health

Host: Chaz Sandifer

Panelist:

Money Council

Screening of "SHOW HER THE MONEY"

Dr. Tanya Anderson

Colleen Gray

Spotlighting Books:

1128 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, MN 55403

**SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

## Let Go Let Flow Presents: Wealth is Health!

 September 10th. 2025.

 6 PM - 9 PM

A panel around women, leadership and wealth, and a viewing of the documentary "Show Her The Money".!

[Register](#)

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**TRAFFIC LIGHT**  
**FASHION SHOW & MIXER**

WHAT COLOR WILL YOU BE?

 **TAKEN**  **IT'S COMPLICATED**  **SINGLE**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH**  
**NORTH GARDEN THEATER**

## Ambers FPC Traffic Light Fashion Show & Mixer!

 September 13th, 2025.

 5:30 PM - 9 PM



A runway mixer experience with real energy, real purpose, and real fun.  
Get ready for a night of fashion, fun, and fearless connection at the Traffic Light  
Fashion Show & Mixer, where style meets storytelling and the vibe is always on  
green!

**Register**

**SINCERE ENTERTAINMENT**  
PRESENTS

**CANELO**  
**VERSUS**  
**CRAWFORD**  
**PRIVATE FIGHT PARTY**

allegiant stadium

**9.13.25**  
9PM-2AM

**\$50** PER PERSON

**INCLUDES FOOD • DRINKS • LIVE DJ • ARMED SECURITY**  
**CASH GIVE A WAYS • PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS**

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL : [INFO@SINCEREENT.COM](mailto:INFO@SINCEREENT.COM)

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**OFFICIAL FIGHT PARTY!! CANELO VS. CRAWFORD!**

 September 13th, 2025.



**We are sharing this for one of our partners — don't miss the Canelo vs. Crawford Private Fight Party.**

Live DJ • Armed Security • Cash Giveaways • Pro Photos

**Password: GENIUS (required to purchase)**

Let's show up, show out, and make it a night to remember!

**Register**

Presented by Something Great & McNeal Management Inc.

# STRENGTH & Strategy Lab

September 18 . 9 am- 4pm  
@ Black Business Enterprise  
1128 Harmon Pl Suite 200, Minneapolis

REGISTRATION FEE \$199

## SHIFT FROM GRIND INTO BUSINESS GROWTH

The Strength & Strategy Lab is a one-day intensive to help entrepreneurs turn ideas into clear, revenue-generating strategies. Whether you're feeling stuck or scaling with purpose, you'll leave realigned, focused, and ready to move forward.

### WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- CliftonStrengths Report + Strengths-Based Coaching
- Real-Time Table Talks with Expert Consultants
- Peer Feedback on Ideas and Roadblocks
- One-Page Strategy Map
- Networking Lunch + SSL Preferred Resource Showcase
- Lunch Provided

Registration Begins August 1st

**Presenters**

  
**Octavia Treadway**  
Chief Greatness Officer  
Something Great

  
**Tommy McNeal**  
President & CEO  
McNeal Management Inc.

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[somethinggreathq.com/thelab](https://somethinggreathq.com/thelab)

Or Call Us  
**+612-396-4678**

## STRENGTH & STRATEGY LAB!

📅 September 18th, 2025.

🕒 9 AM - 4 PM

The strength & Strategy Lab is a immersive experience designed to help entrepreneurs turn ideas into clear. revenue generating strategies. Whether you're stuck at a crossed roads or scaling up with intension, this day will help you get unstuck, realigned and fully equipped to move forward with clarity.

[Register](#)

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## **WEMN-Global Masquerade Gala & Silent Auction: Unmasking Hope**

 September 21st. 2025.

 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us for an inspiring evening of celebration, generosity, and purpose at this Gala and silent auction in support of WEMN-Global.

[Register](#)

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**Join us!**  
Free Informational session  
**Sep 21, 2025**

1128 Harmon Pl Ste 200 Minneapolis, MN 55403

- Come out and see what we have to offer
- Who is WEMN Global?

**Time: 5pm-9pm**

Email us for details: [womenempoweredmn@gmail.com](mailto:womenempoweredmn@gmail.com)

## Free Information Session with Women Empowered MN

 September 21st. 2025.

 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Who's coming!? Curious about what we have to offer? What it is that we do?  
WHO IS WEMN Global? Come check us out! This is a free event! Everyone is  
welcome! See y'all there!

**Register**

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**DREAMHOUSE Barbie**

FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER  
FOR LOVELY'S SEWING & ARTS COLLECTIVE

LOVELY'S SEWING & ARTS COLLECTIVE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET TICKETS

CALLING ALL BARBIES, KENS, & FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE

- LOCAL YOUTH, TEENS AND ADULT FASHION DESIGNERS
- LOCAL BOUTIQUES
- LOCAL JEWELRY DESIGNERS
- COME PLAY GAMES AND SHOP THE VENDORS

WHEN: TUESDAY 9/30/25  
DOORS: VIP 5:30pm GA 6pm

WHERE: MACHINE SHOP  
300 2<sup>ND</sup> ST. SE  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55414

GET TICKETS  ON EVENTBRITE  
AT DREAMHOUSE BARBIE

## Dreamhouse Barbie, "Celebrating the Couture and Ready-to-Wear Designers"!

 September 30th. 2025.

 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us Sept 30th for the Dreamhouse Barbie Fashion Show! Come celebrate community impact. Come dressed as your favorite Barbie or Ken!

[Register](#)

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

**J**USTICE  
**E**QUITY  
**D**IVERSITY  
**I**NCLUSION

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](#)

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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](#)

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# *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.

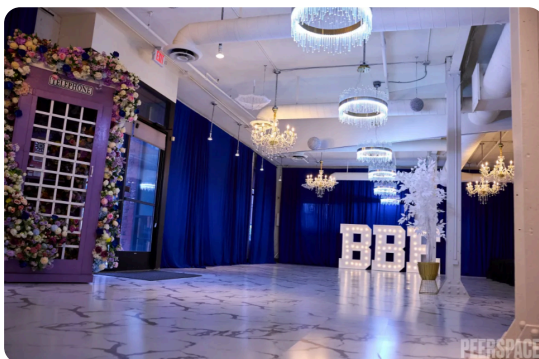
We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support and generosity. Together, we have the power to enact meaningful change.

**DONATE**

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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!

**BOOK NOW**



## VIRTUAL OFFICE

Don't want your home address 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.

[JOIN A CHAPTER](#)



## PROGRAMS

Credit Workshops, Marketing, Business Development, and more.

[FIND A CLASS](#)



# Impact

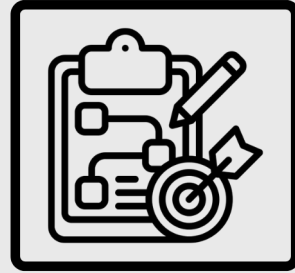
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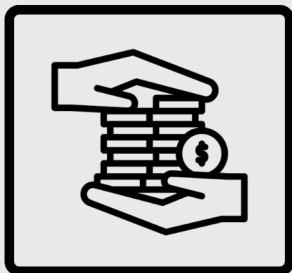
Over 100 New Businesses  
Opened



Over 200 New  
Websites



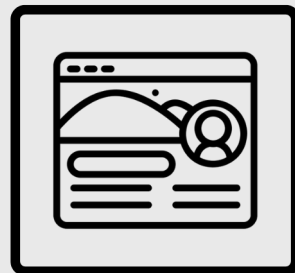
Over 100 Business  
Plans



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.**

**WATCH**



Black Business Enterprises  
Podcast: Credit in the Arts

41 weeks ago · 78.9K views

You and 161 others



## 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**

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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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