

BLACK OWNED MAINE

October 7th, 2024

New Team Member



Jennifer Sebit

Introducing our newest team member, Jennifer Sebit, our Business & Marketing Intern! A little about her:

Jennifer Sebit, a South Sudanese individual, holds an associate's degree in business administration and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in business marketing at the University of Southern Maine. Her career aspiration is to establish a successful business that future generations can benefit from. Jennifer's life goal is to "live for a living," and she lives by the quote, "Enjoy life before it enjoys you."

[Our Staff Page](#)

Featured Black-owned Business:
I Get Active



I Get Active, owned by 4x Golden Gloves Champion Sasha Lamour, offers strength and stability training, boxing classes for small groups or individuals, and additional services like sauna and juicing. Sasha's approach combines traditional boxing techniques with modern strength training to ensure clients' physical and mental well-being.

Sasha is offering a special **Intro to Boxing + Sauna Class** for BOM Network Members on Sunday, October 20, at 7 PM. Click the button below for more info

RSVP to Get Active

Grants + Funding Opportunities

Below are grants, funds, and loans available from both local and national sources. To learn more about each funding opportunity, simply **click the title** of the program you're interested in.

[Food Access and Retail Expansion \(FARE\) Fund](#)

Funding Amount (Grant): \$250,000

Funding Amount (Loan): \$500,000-\$5 million

Deadline: Monday, October 14, 2024

[Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure \(RFSI\) Equipment-only Grant Program:](#)

Funding Amount: 10,000-\$100,000

Deadline: Monday, October 28, 2024

[USDA Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program](#)

Funding Amount: \$25,000 - \$400,000

Deadline: Thursday, November 7, 2024

[2024 Immigrant Entrepreneur Microgrants](#)

Funding Amount: \$4,000

Deadline: Friday, November 8, 2024

[Maine Venture Fund](#)

Funding Amount: K-8: 1st Place, \$1,000 and Runner-up, \$500

High School: 1st Place, \$1,500 and Runner-up, \$500

College: 1st Place, \$2,500 and Runner-up, \$1,000

Open: 1st Place, \$8,000 and Runner-up, \$2,000

Deadline: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

[Business Assistance Program for Job Creation](#)

Funding Amount: Up to \$20,000 per business

Deadline: Friday, November 15, 2024

Upcoming Events

Voices Of Maine

Our community partner Mayo Streets Arts will be hosting their 16th annual community block party on the 10th from 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm!

[Get A Ticket Here](#)

FREE LIVE MUSIC 

A DYNAMIC NIGHT OF MUSIC AND CONVERSATION WHERE IMMIGRANT STORIES TAKE CENTER STAGE!



VOICES OF MAINE

A SHOWCASE OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY SONGS WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF PORTLAND'S IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ARTISTS

INCLUDING

AARON SEGLIN | JENNY VAN WEST | LUKEBANA | WILL FOOTE

12 OCTOBER 2024 7|- 8:30 PM
DOORS OPEN 6:30

LOCATION: MAYO STREET ARTS
10 MAYO ST. PORTLAND, ME
04101

  

FIND OUT MORE AT WWW.MAYOSTREETARTS.ORG

Economic Equity Summit: Building Assets, Seeding Justice

Join Speaker of the house Rachel Talbot Ross on October 16, 2024, from 8:30am-4pm at Colby College Alumni Center in Waterville for an insightful summit about economic and social impact work.

[RSVP](#)

Rumba Night

Show off your dancing skills, or learn a new move at Rumba Night, hosted by not 1, but 7 DJs from 4 countries!

Entrance fee is \$35, with VIP being \$70.

SAVE THE DATE!
October 16, 2024

MAINE ECONOMIC EQUITY SUMMIT:
Building Assets, Seeding Justice

 **When:** October 16, 2024
Where: Colby College, Waterville, Maine 

For more information, contact Sarah Austin
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Business Consulting + Marketing Services

Our Business Consultants are available to meet with Black entrepreneurs virtually or in-person at our Portland and Lewiston offices. We can support your business with paperwork, grant writing, project management, and many other topics.

[Request Advising](#)



Photo of Rudolph, owner of [Excellent Mobile Auto Detailing](#), taken by Firdaws

Our Marketing Coordinator, Firdaws, is available to meet with BOM Network Members to produce professional photoshoots for you to use when creating content for your business. See more info below and book a date on her schedule!

[Request Marketing Support](#)

Join the Network

BOM offers free membership to any business or nonprofit in Maine that is at least 50% Black-owned and operated. All identified Maine-based Black-owned businesses and Black-led nonprofits receive automatic membership unless otherwise requested.

Members can take advantage of the following benefits:

- Access to a [network](#) of over 450 Black entrepreneurs in Maine
- Access to members-only portal, including free public directory listing
- [Free technical assistance and business advising](#)
- [Free marketing services, including a professional photoshoot](#)
- Access to exclusive business workshops and content
- Priority access to vendor fairs and partner offerings
- Connection to a larger ecosystem of entrepreneurs and support organizations

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New to Black Owned Maine?

Black Owned Maine (BOM) is a nonprofit organization based in Portland, Maine. BOM began in June 2020 as an online directory for Black businesses, nonprofits, professionals, groups, and artists but quickly grew into so much more.

We are dedicated to sustaining an ecosystem of Black businesses in our state. We host a public business directory, host cultural and educational events, and offer marketing support. Please visit our [website](#) or [Instagram](#) for more information.

Disclaimer: You are receiving this email because we identified you as a Black-business owner, a the founder or director of a Black-led non-profit, a Black-professional with a bookable service, a Black artist, or the organizer of a Black group in Maine. If you do not identify as such, please respond back to this email or unsubscribe.



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