

CITY of BOSTON



Black Male
Advancement

Quarterly **REPORT**

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OVERVIEW

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The Mayor's Office of Black Male Advancement (BMA) is proud to share key highlights from the first quarter of 2025. We kicked off the year by advancing our mission to improve outcomes for Black men and boys in Boston through policy, programs, and partnerships. In Q1, we hosted the second annual Empowerment Summit at Roxbury Community College, uniting community leaders to address generational wealth, education, workforce development, and homeownership. We also awarded \$500,000 through the Community Empowerment Grant to 53 organizations driving impact across seven focus areas.

These milestones reflect our commitment to breaking down barriers and building opportunity. Thank you to our partners and community for helping us shape a more equitable Boston.



OUR MISSION

To improve outcomes and reduce systemic barriers to advancement for Black men and boys living in Boston by ensuring equitable access to opportunities, resources, and support across the City.



OUR VISION

A Boston where Black men and boys are empowered, uplifted, and fully supported to thrive, lead, and share in the City's prosperity.



Our 6 PRIORITIES

1

Affordable housing &
Pathways to
Homeownership

2

Community Safety
and Returning Citizens

3

Economic Opportunity &
Workers Empowerment

4

Education & Youth
Advancement

5

Equity and Racial Justice

6

Public Health & Wellness

Q1 IMPACT *At A Glance*

In the first quarter of 2025, the Office of Black Male Advancement deepened its commitment to empowering Boston's Black men and boys. Through targeted programming, strategic partnerships, and increased community outreach, we laid strong foundations for long-term impact. We launched new initiatives, supported organizations and continued building trust with residents and stakeholders across the city. Our work remains focused on amplifying voices, expanding access to resources, and driving equity in every space we show up, below is our Q1 Impact at a glance.



1200+ PEOPLE ENGAGED



10 EVENTS HOSTED



\$500,000 IN GRANT FUNDING



16 NEIGHBORHOODS SERVED



38% DIGITAL GROWTH

QUARTER 1

Highlights



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT GRANT

The BMA Community Empowerment Grant supports Boston-based community organizations serving Black men and boys by offering up to \$20,000 in funding. Grants focus on seven key areas: Mentoring & Out-of-School Time, Youth & Young Adult Pathways, Housing Mobility, Economic Inclusion & Wealth Building, Workforce Training & Development, Fatherhood Engagement, and Mental Health & Wellness.



**\$500,000 IN
FUNDING**



**52 TOTAL
AWARDEES**



**7 FOCUS
AREAS**



**10 NEIGHBORHOODS
SUPPORTED**

2025 GRANTEES

ECONOMIC INCLUSION & WELLBEING

Afrimerican Culture Initiative Inc (Hyde Park)

Circle of Nations Inc (Dorchester)

Daddy & Me Inc (Roxbury)

Fountain Fund(Roxbury)

Greater Love Tabernacle (Dorchester)

Justice For Housing (South End)

Kings Amongst Kings INC (Mattapan)

Talk2Em Inc (Boston)

The Life After Prison (Dorchester)

HOUSING AND MOBILITY

BreakTime (Downtown)

FAMILY Movement, Inc (Dorchester)

FATHERHOOD ENGAGEMENT

AccessMA (Back Bay)

Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts, Inc. (Dorchester)

Fatherly Justice Association (Dorchester)

Lives Are Meant to Be Changed (Dorchester)

The Basics (Jamaica Plain)

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Beat the Odds (Dorchester)

BMEN (Boston)

Out For Good Behavioral Services, Inc. (Boston)

2025 GRANTEES

MENTORING AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

617Peak ([Boston](#))
Boston Debate League ([Mission Hill](#))
Boston Project Ministries ([Dorchester](#))
Chill Diamond Ring Education Foundation ([Boston](#))
Cornerstone Collaborative ([Boston](#))
CVAB ([Dorchester](#))
Follow Suit ([Roxbury](#))
Greatest Minds
MBK617 ([Dorchester](#))
The Clubhouse Network ([Roxbury](#))
The Edward W. Brooke III Educational Foundation ([Boston](#))
The3PointFoundation, Inc. ([Boston](#))
Witherspoon Institute ([Dorchester](#))
WriteBoston, Inc. ([Jamaica Plain](#))

WORKFORCE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Black Biz ([Roxbury](#))
HeIsME ([Boston](#))
Prepped Inc ([Allston](#))
Project Smile INC ([Boston](#))
The Teachers' Lounge Incorporated ([Roslindale](#))
Worc2 ([Roxbury](#))

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PATHWAYS

Apprentice Learning ([Jamaica Plain](#))
BAM ([Boston](#))
Bikes Not Bombs, Inc. ([Jamaica Plain](#))
Bottom line Inc. ([Jamaica Plain](#))
Building Bridges Education Inc. ([Hyde Park](#))
Children's Services of Roxbury, Inc. ([Roxbury](#))
Concerned Black Men of MA ([Mattapan](#))
Digital Ready ([Jamaica Plain](#))
Marcus Anthony Hall Institute ([Dorchester](#))
Mattapan/Greater Boston Technology Center, Inc. ([Mattapan](#))
Save our Streets 617 ([Hyde Park](#))
Thrive Scholars ([Boston](#))
YouthBuild Boston ([Roxbury](#))

EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

The Mayor's Office of Black Male Advancement (BMA) hosted its second Empowerment Summit in March 2025 at Roxbury Community College. The event brought together city leaders, national experts, and community members for impactful discussions on generational wealth, closing opportunity gaps, economic mobility, and Black homeownership. Through keynotes, fireside chats, and solution-focused panels, the summit aimed to spark collective action for Black men and boys in Boston.

Panel One, "Building Bridges for Action," featured Dr. Imari Jefferies, Chief Segun Idowu, Robert Nichols, and Dr. Rufus Faulk.

Panel Two, "Empowering Black Men and Boys in Boston and Philadelphia," included Frank Farrow, Tito Jackson, and Philadelphia's Maurie Baynard and Abu Edwards.



**250+ TOTAL
ATTENDEES**



**16 NEIGHBORHOODS
REPRESENTED**



**2 ENGAGEMENT
PANELS**

BPS SCHOOL VISITS

As part of the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Boston initiative and our strategic partnership with Boston Public Schools (BPS), the BMA team is building strong connections with BPS schools to support literacy efforts in communities where they are needed most. In Q1, we visited the Mattahunt School, the Sarah Greenwood School, Grew Elementary, Holmes Elementary Mildred Ave School, King Elementary, and the Ohrenberger School.



**7 SCHOOLS
VISITED**



**250+ STUDENTS
ENGAGED**



BLACK MEN AND BOYS COMMISSION

The Black Men and Boys Commission in Boston, established by a 2021 ordinance, is composed of 21 Black men with expertise in issues affecting Black men and boys. The Commission acts as an advisory body to the Mayor and the Mayor's Office of Black Male Advancement, offering guidance on policy, budget priorities, and initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for Black men and boys across the city.



**3 TOTAL
MEETINGS**



**20 BUDGET/POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS**



**\$34 MILLION BUDGET/
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

EQUITY STUDY - PHASE 1

The BMA Equity Study is a comprehensive assessment of data related to Black men and boys and how they are served by City of Boston policies, programs, and services. Its findings will inform equitable, data-driven, and impactful strategies to improve outcomes and guide future investments across the city. We are currently in Phase 1 of our Equity Study collecting stakeholders data.

DATA DASHBOARD - PHASE 1

The BMA Data Dashboard is a centralized, real-time platform featuring rolling data from City departments, helping track progress, inform policy, and drive impact. We are currently in Phase 1 of rolling out our Data Dash Board focused on the State of Black men and boys living in Boston.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MBK YOUTH SUMMIT | JUNE 6TH

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION | JUNE 14TH

FATHERS BRUNCH | JUNE 19TH

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