

2025 BMCC Milestones, Benchmarks & Goals

The Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) is dedicated to promoting economic independence and prosperity among Black business entrepreneurs in the City of Maricopa and surrounding areas. Since its inception, BMCC has achieved significant milestones, established key benchmarks, and set ambitious goals for the future.

Organization Milestones:

- **Founding:** BMCC was officially established as a non-profit organization on May 16, 2022, by Kent and Chrystal O'Jon.
- **Proclamation:** On February 15, 2023, BMCC received a proclamation from Mayor Nancy Smith, recognizing its efforts to support African American business owners in Maricopa and Pinal County.
- **Membership Growth:** BMCC has successfully expanded its membership base from (7 to 113) welcoming a diverse range of businesses and professionals into its network.

Benchmarks:

- **Financial Literacy Workshops:** BMCC sponsored financial literacy workshops to enhance members' knowledge and increase their chances of success.
- **Media Exposure:** Members receive promotion and endorsement through social media platforms and partnerships with media outlets like Maricopa Lifestyle Magazine, ensuring consistent visibility to potential consumers.
- **Networking Opportunities:** BMCC organized events such as the Annual Black Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala and quarterly business meetings, providing platforms for members to connect and collaborate.

Future Goals:

- **Economic Development:** BMCC aims to continue fostering economic growth within the Black community by supporting business owners and encouraging collaboration with other groups.
- **Educational Initiatives:** Plans are underway to expand educational programs (mentorship programs/partnerships), including workshops on creating 501(c)(3) organizations and understanding the importance of civic engagement.
- **Community Engagement:** BMCC seeks to strengthen its role as a liaison in the community, building bridges that create an understanding of the needs of African American business owners and promoting financial literacy as a pathway to generational wealth.

Through these milestones, benchmarks, and future goals, BMCC remains committed to its mission of promoting economic independence and prosperity among Black business entrepreneurs and others inclusively in Maricopa and surrounding areas.

Founders: Kent & Chrystal O'Jon

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