Thanks to the united efforts of great leadership and a large coalition of partners, these programs are part of a group that were created by the 1999 Legislature. These programs have not received an increase in funding since the 2000 Special Session. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation since that time has reduced the financial impact of these programs by almost 30%.

In addition to these key programs, one-time-only programs, essential for economic growth in Montana were funded by the 2013 Legislature. These programs often supplement and support each other to build Montana’s economy.

Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA), an organization of economic development professionals and partners, is pleased to showcase these programs and demonstrate the successful IMPACT of Partnerships that Work.
Worker Training Grant Program
Primary Sector Workforce Training

Mission: To provide grant funds to existing and new Montana businesses for new worker training and to encourage job creation and business expansion in primary sector businesses.

Total Funding (2010-2014): $7,111,819
Workers to be Trained*: 2,001
Leveraged Funds Invested in Projects: $50,541,157
Annual Estimated Return to State General Fund: $6,595,450

*During FY 10-11, training funds were available for both existing and new workers.
Statistics for 2010-2014

Growth Through Agriculture Program

Mission: To strengthen and diversify Montana’s agricultural industry through development of new agricultural products and processes.

Current Funding: $625,000
2013 – 2014 Awards: 77
Funds to MT Companies 2013 – 2014: $1.1 million
Total Dollars Leveraged from GTA Program: $1.7 million
Jobs Created: 84

Food and Agriculture Development Centers

Mission: To increase Montana’s capacity to produce food, farm-derived renewable energy, and other value-added agricultural products.

Current Funding: $300,000
Return on Investment (Private Dollar Match): $8.09
Capital Infusion Dollars: $2,426,779 (83% Private)
Businesses Counseled: 197 (up 59% from previous FY)
Counties Served: 43 (including 4 Indian Reservations)
Business Expansions: 24
New Business Start-ups: 21
New Products Introduced to Market: 42
Statistics for July 2013—June 2014

Indian Country Economic Development (ICED) Program

Mission: To provide funding for Tribal Priority Projects for economic development activities, to provide funding for start-ups and tribal member-owned businesses on or near reservations, and to provide entrepreneur training and technical assistance to Montana’s tribal communities.

Current Yearly Funding: $800,000
Dollars Awarded through the 3 ICED Categories for 2014: $707,000
Total Dollars Leveraged from ICED Program: $28,371,368
Tribal Jobs Created/Retained/ or Trained: 731
Businesses Supported: 73
Workers Trained: 533
Indian Equity Fund- Businesses Supported: 123
Entrepreneur Training-Attendees: 1,348
Statistics for 2006-2014

Montana Technology Innovation Partnership

Mission: Delivering advanced technical assistance to small science based businesses for the purpose of commercializing technology developed in Montana and creating high-tech jobs.

Current Funding: $50,000 per year
2000—2013 Awards: 444
Funds to MT Companies 2000-2013: $126,719,740
Annual SBIR Dollar Awards to MT Companies: $9,747,672
Statistics as of 2013

Showcasing key economic programs and partnerships that work—making an IMPACT on Montana’s economy.