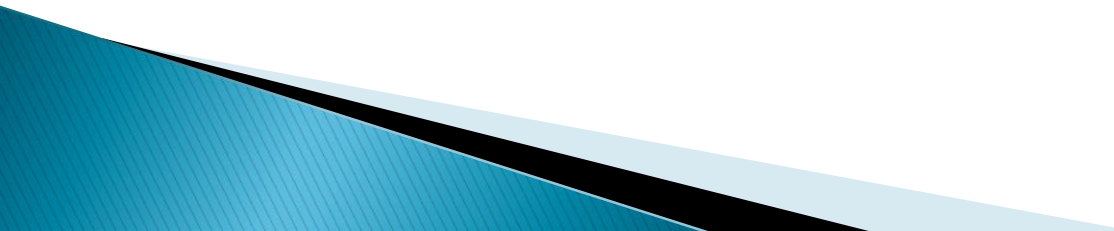


2017 Legislative Agenda

MEDA Fall Conference
October 2016

Overall Perception of Session

- ▶ Funding appears to be tight.
 - ▶ Hot button items will likely include budgets, infrastructure, taxes, and education.
 - ▶ It is critical that we convey our message to all candidates and when the session begins, we need to have clients prepared to share program successes.
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Key Dates

- ▶ Election Day 2016 – November 8, 2016
 - ▶ Session Begins – January 2, 2017
 - ▶ MEDA Days @ Rotunda – January 17, 2017
 - ▶ Last Day of Session – April 25, 2017
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Major Legislative Items

- ▶ 2019 Programs
 - ▶ Other Key Economic Development Programs
 - ▶ Infrastructure Funding
 - ▶ Tax Increment Financing
 - ▶ Workforce Training
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2019 Program Funding

Program

Now/yr

▶ Research & Commercialization	\$1,275,000
▶ CRDC	\$ 478,125
▶ SBDC	\$ 140,625
▶ SBIR/STTR	\$ 421,875
▶ Trade	\$ 337,500
▶ Growth through Ag	\$ 625,000
▶ MMEC	<u>\$ 325,000</u>
▶ TOTAL	<u>\$3,603,125</u>

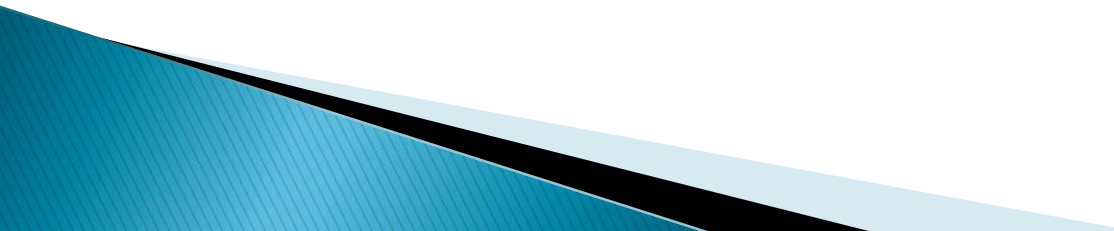
Also: Montana Cooperative Development Center



Other Program Funding of Interest

- ▶ Primary Sector Workforce Training
 - \$600,000/yr OTO
- ▶ Food & Ag Centers
 - \$105,000/yr OTO
- ▶ Indian Country Economic Development (ICE)
 - \$800,000/yr
- ▶ Native American Language Preservation
 - \$750,000/yr OTO
- ▶ Native American Gap Financing
 - \$500,000 OTO

Considerations for 2019 Programs

- ▶ Will the money be in the Governor's budget?
 - Due to be released on 11/15/16
 - ▶ If not in the Governor's budget, submit bill for funding.
 - ▶ Develop Digital Map
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Other Items

▶ Infrastructure

- Actively participating on the Infrastructure Coalition

▶ Workforce Training

- Primary Worker Training
- Incumbent Worker Training (BEAR)
- Tribal workforce training

Tax Increment Financing

- ▶ **LCtif1** Requires county and school district approval before adoption of a tax increment financing provision
- ▶ **LCtif2** Removes the 95 mills from the tax increment financing provision going forward with an exception for existing districts that need the increment generated from the 95 mills to pay bonds
- ▶ **LCtif3** Removes the following from the tax increment financing provision: inflationary adjustments approved after the adoption of the TIF provision, voted levies approved after the adoption of the TIF provision, levies exempted under 15-10-420
- ▶ **LCtif4** Allows tax increment to be used by private property owners to achieve public purposes and subjects the tax increment to recapture if the property is transferred within a certain time period
- ▶ **LCtif5** Amends reporting requirements related to districts that use TIF
- ▶ **LCtif6** Requires remittances, if made, to be made to all affected taxing jurisdictions and to be proportional to the taxing jurisdiction's share of the total milled levies

Thanks for your support &
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