2017 Legislative Agenda
MEDA Fall Conference
October 2016
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.
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
Major Legislative Items

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

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<th>Program</th>
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<td>Research &amp; Commercialization</td>
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<td>SBDC</td>
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<td>Growth through Ag</td>
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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
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 & involvement!!!