These key programs sunset on July 1, 2019

Through the united efforts of your visionary leadership and a large coalition of economic development partners, the 1999 Legislature created these programs which were designed to intentionally support the growth and development of Montana’s economy.

From the initial investment made by the 2000 special session of the Legislature these programs have demonstrated their effectiveness in building and growing our State’s economy.

In addition to these key programs, the Legislature funded several one-time-only programs that have been essential to the continued economic growth of Montana. These programs working together, have helped to provide the foundation for much of Montana’s present economic vitality.

Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA), an organization of economic development professionals and partners, is pleased to showcase these programs and to demonstrate the impact of leveraged success.

Remove the 2019 Sunset and continue to leverage impact and success.
Primary Sector Workforce Training
Grant Program

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.

FY 2012-2018

Current Funding $600,000/yr
Businesses Assisted 207
Leveraged Assets $54,422,078
Total Funding Awarded $5,256,887
Workers Trained 1,072

Growth Through Agriculture Program

Mission: To strengthen and diversify Montana’s agricultural industry through development of new agricultural products and processes. 2013—2018

Current Funding $625,000/yr
Funds Awarded $3,200,000
Businesses Assisted 163
Leveraged Funds $14,000,000
Annual Return on Investment 4.5 to 1
Jobs Created: 642

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.

FY 2012-2018

Current Funding $800,000/yr
Businesses Assisted 207
Leveraged Assets $11,021,038
Tribal Jobs Created/Retained 354
Businesses Assisted by NABAs 3,368

Food and Agriculture Development Centers

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

2013-2018

Current Funding $300,000/yr *
Annual Return on Investment $44 for every $1
Capital Infusion Dollars $80,000,000
Businesses Counseled 1204
Jobs Created/Retained 729
New Products Introduced to Market 299

* Need increase of $75,000 to create additional Food and Ag Center. Include line item in 15-35-108 MCA for total of $375,000.

Montana Cooperative Development Center

Mission: MCDC promotes and develops cooperatives to meet the economic and community needs of rural Montana.

2012-2018

Current Funding $65,000 per year*
Leveraged Assets $1,435,000
Jobs Created/Retained 71
New Co-ops Fully Incorporated 25
Young Co-ops Technical Assistance 162
Dividends Paid from MT Co-ops 2017 $58,700,000

*Received through MT Dept. of Agriculture