

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.



Certified Regional Development Corporations

Mission: CRDC's are responsible for helping local officials, communities and businesses "assess, plan, and facilitate action" within their regions.

	CY 2012-2017
Current Funding	\$425,000 per year *
Leverage	\$62,745,666
Jobs Created/Retained	3,984
Businesses Assisted	6,647
Loans Provided	672
Total Loan Value	\$45,183,992

* CRDCs need an increase of \$200,000 to build capacity.



Office of Trade and International Relations Bureau

Montana Marketing Technical Assistance Program

Mission: To provide technical and marketing assistance to help Montanans pursue business opportunities, both domestically and worldwide.

	FY 2012-2018
Current Funding	\$300,000 per year
Businesses Assisted	1,821
Leveraged Assets	\$300,175,998
Commodity Exports	\$10,060,096,978
Jobs Created/Retained	974
International Missions Supported	154



Small Business Development Centers

Mission: Through a network of ten statewide offices, assist businesses to start and grow by providing no-cost, one-on-one business coaching and low-cost training to individuals and companies.

	FY 2012-2018
Annual State Funding	\$125,000 *
Businesses Assisted	5,333
Leveraged Assets	\$252,014,907
Jobs Created/Retained	4,061
Workshop Attendees	8,018

* SBDCs need an increase of \$200,000 to build capacity.



Montana Manufacturing Extension Center

An affiliate of the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Mission: Provide information, training, decision support and implementation assistance to Montana's 3,000+ manufacturers. Assists manufacturers in adopting new advanced technology, techniques and business practices.

	FY 2012-2018
Current Funding	\$200,000/yr *
Businesses Assisted	868
Leveraged Assets	\$3,600,000
Jobs Created/Retained	3,164
New/Retained Sales	\$665,500,000

* MMEC needs \$500,000 per year to match Federal Funds.



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.

	FY 2012-2018
Current Funding	\$50,000/yr
Businesses Assisted	424
Leveraged Assets	\$38,928,487
Total Federal Innovation Awards	106
Awards to MT Companies	\$14,128,487



MT Board of Research & Commercialization Technology

Mission: Encourage economic development through investment in research projects that have a clear path to commercialization.

	FY 2012-2018
Current Funding	\$1,275,000/yr *
Businesses Assisted	50
Leveraged Assets	\$2,748,534
Follow-on New Funding	\$129,687,305
Projects Funded	\$4,749,374

* Transfer \$775,000 to build capacity in SBDCs (\$200,000), CRDCs (\$200,000), MMEC (\$300,000), and Food and Ag Centers (\$75,000) for a remaining balance in this program of \$500,000.



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



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/Trained	354
Businesses Assisted by NABAs	3,368

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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



Food and Agriculture Development Centers

2013-2018

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

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

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