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MEDA represents over 200 members who are actively involved in local economic activity, community development, job retention and job creation for Montana.

MEDA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 1) Scholarships are available to assist with your professional training needs. Two times per year, in the spring and fall, \$3,000 is available for professional development and training for those working in the field of economic development or affiliated with an organization that promotes and fosters economic development activities in Montana.
- 2) Have a voice in shaping the state's legislative agenda. Due to MEDA Membership support, outstanding results have been achieved in the past working through the legislative process to support key economic development programs and other initiatives. MEDA offers a united message with a strong voice and mutual support. MEDA also keeps its members informed on key federal initiatives.
- 3) Reduced registration fees for Spring and Fall Conferences, which focus on networking, information exchange and training to upgrade skills for economic development practitioners. As non-members are charged an extra \$50 per conference, MEDA Members save \$100.
- 4) Two Professional Development trainings per year, sponsored by PPL Montana. MEDA's Professional Development Committee strives to meet the training needs of the membership and raises the bar for excellence across the membership.
- 5) Direct support and technical assistance for Certified Regional Development Corporations, Economic Development Districts, Montana BEAR program, Resource Team Assessments, MEDA Working Groups, etc. The MEDA office is available to assist with surveys, meeting coordination, research, email queries, meeting minutes, conference call coordination, etc., for various groups under the MEDA umbrella.
- 6) Subscription to GrantStation Insider, a weekly notification of funding opportunities, delivered via MEDA's listserv. GrantStation offers nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies the opportunity to identify potential funding sources for their programs or projects.
- 7) Membership to National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). NADO promotes regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life across America's local communities.
- 8) Membership to Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA). Members gain access to a wide range of benefits including advocacy efforts, enhanced insurance and discount products, educational trainings, research reports, networking opportunities, and more.
- 9) Instant communication with MEDA's 200+ members through our listserv; news and updates shared with 700+ individuals with interests in business and economic development through the MT-Partners-Listserv.
- 10) High level networking: your contact information is listed in the online MEDA Directory and accessible via the MEDA website; MEDA offers Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn access to share news and announcements.
- 11) Get connected. Stay connected. Network with peers within the state and surrounding states and far and wide.

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