Thanks to the united efforts of great leadership and a large coalition of partners, these programs are part of a group that were created by the 1999 Legislature. These programs have not received an increase in funding since the 2000 Special Session. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation since that time has reduced the financial impact of these programs by 23.4%.

In addition to these key programs, one-time-only programs, essential for economic growth in Montana were funded by the 2011 Legislature. These programs often supplement and support each other to build Montana’s economy.

Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA), an organization of economic development professionals and partners, is pleased to showcase these programs and demonstrate the successful IMPACT of Partnerships that Work.

**Certified Regional Development Corporations**

**Mission:** CRDC’s are responsible for helping local officials, communities and businesses “assess, plan, and facilitate action” within their regions.

- **Current Funding:** $425,000 per year
- **Additional Dollars Leveraged:** $13,672,825
- **Businesses Assisted:** 1,081
- **Loans Provided:** 61
- **Total Loan Value:** $12,042,015
- **Total Jobs Created/Retained:** 645

Statistics from calendar year 2011

**Montana Trade and International Relations Bureau:**

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

- **Current Funding:** $300,000
- **Montana export value in 2011:** 2.46 billion
- **Total exports since 2000:** $15.6 billion
- **Export average increase per year:** 9.63%
- **Made in Montana participants in 2012:** 2,567

**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.

- **Annual State Funding:** $125,000
- **Annual Return on each State Dollar:** $11.00

**2012 Financing Obtained as a result of Counseling:**

- **$84,544,188**
- **Businesses Counseled:** 948
- **Total Counseling Hours:** 5,058 hours
- **Training Attendees for 2012:** 1,530

**Montana Manufacturing Extension Center**

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

- **Current Funding:** $200,000 per year
- **Clients Served:** 43
- **Jobs Created/Retained:** 1,245

**Montana Cooperative Development Center**

**Mission:** MCDC works with new and existing co-ops and other groups to evaluate co-op business models and strategies to meet their objectives.

- **Current Funding:** $65,000 per year
- **New Cooperatives Formed:** 45
- **Cooperatives Pending:** 10
- **Jobs Created/Retained:** 531

**MT Board of Research & Commercialization Tech**

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

- **Current Funding:** $1,275,000 per year
- **Projects Funded:** 185
- **Dollar amount for 181 projects:** $38 million
- **Leveraged Funding to date:** $44 million
- **Follow-on New Funding:** $301 million

Statistics from program inception in 1999
Worker Training Grant Program
Primary Sector Workforce Training

**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.

- Total Funding (2001-2012): $12,163,586
- New Jobs Created: 3,123
- Workers to be Trained: 4,231
- Leveraged Funds Invested in Projects: $223,796,206
- Annual Estimated Return to State General Fund: $14,324,738

Statistics for 2007-2012

Montana Main Street Program

**Mission:** Helps communities strengthen and preserve their historic downtowns by focusing on economic development, urban revitalization, and historic preservation through long range planning, organization, design and promotion.

- Current Yearly Funding: $125,000
- Net Businesses Served: 24
- Number of Public Improvements: 45
- Value of Public Improvements: $109,508
- Number of Building Improvements: 38
- Value of Building Improvements: $1,361,899
- Number of Volunteer Hours: 19,582

Statistics for 2012

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.

- Current Yearly Funding: $800,000
- Dollars Awarded through the 3 ICED Categories for 2012: $710,000
- Total Dollars Leveraged from ICED Program: $24,609,069
- Jobs Created/Retained/ or Trained:
  - Tribal Government: 113.8 FTE
  - 36 PTE
  - 17 Temp
- Businesses Supported: 46
- Workers Trained: 523
- Indian Equity Fund- Businesses Supported: 91
- Entrepreneur Training-Attendees: 667

Statistics for 2006-2012

Food and Agricultural Development Centers

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

- Current Funding: $195,000
- Return on Investment (Private Dollar Match): $3.67
- Capital Infusion Dollars: $974,134 (73% Private)
- Businesses Counseled: 132
- Business Expansions: 24
- New Business Start-ups: 19
- Jobs Created: 41.5 FTE
- New Products Introduced to Market: 47

Statistics for 2009-2012

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.

- Current Funding: $50,000 per year
- 2000—2011 Awards: 388
- Funds to MT Companies 2000-2011: $111,208,118
- Annual SBIR Dollar Awards to MT Companies: $9,267,343

Statistics as of 2012