

CONTINUE THE INVESTMENT SUCCESS:

Proven Programs Essential to Montana's Economy

The following programs are key economic tools used by those working to build Montana's economy. Each of these programs will be considered during the upcoming legislative session for continued funding. As the data below indicates, these programs are vital to the state's economy and play a key role in sustaining Montana's economic development.

<p align="center">Montana Energy Promotion and Development Division</p> <p>Mission: The Montana Energy Promotion and Development Division conducts analyses of complex energy issues, balances public and private interests, and works to resolve conflicts and challenges effecting developing energy projects in Montana.</p> <p>Current Funding: \$455,000/year Montana Jobs Created: Construction: 1680; Permanent: 93 Projects Completed: 11 Estimated Capital Investment: \$2.049 billion Power Generation Increase: 1073 MW</p>	<p align="center">Food and Agriculture Development Centers</p> <p>Mission: The Food and Agriculture Development Centers provide for specialized business development training in the food, value-added agriculture and alternative energy sectors, provides one-on-one technical assistance to small and expanding value-added agriculture and alternative energy businesses, and support critical infrastructure development necessary for the processing and distribution of Montana's agricultural products.</p> <p>Current Funding: \$250,000/year Number of Clients Served: 100 Number of Jobs Created/Retained: 189 (50 self-employed) Total New Products to Market: 56 Funds Leveraged: \$10,613,063</p>
<p align="center">Primary Sector Worker Training Grant Program</p> <p>Mission: The Primary Sector Workforce Training Grant Program provides grant funds to existing and new Montana businesses for new worker training.</p> <p>Current Funding: \$2.5 million/year Total \$ Awarded: \$3,421,148 (6/2009—12/2010) New Montana Jobs Created/Jobs Trained: 844 Leveraged Funds: \$89,876,924 Annual Estimated Return: \$3,485,109</p>	<p align="center">Indian Country Economic Development Program</p> <p>Mission: The ICED Program provides funding for Tribal Priority Projects, the Montana Indian Equity Fund and Indianpreneurship.</p> <p>Current Funding: \$800,000/year Total \$ Awarded: \$703,000 (2010) New Montana Jobs Created: 228 Leveraged Funds: \$5,682,427 Matching Tribal Funds: \$8.08 per dollar</p>
<p align="center">Montana Main Street Program</p> <p>Mission: The Montana Main Street Program helps communities strengthen and preserve historic downtowns, coordinates resources to revitalize historic downtowns, provides downtown development and historic preservation technical assistance and provides networking and advocacy for communities interested in downtown renewal.</p> <p>Current Funding: \$125,000/year Net Businesses Served: 24 New Montana Jobs Created: 70 Number of Improvements: 83 Value of Improvements: \$1,471,407</p>	<p align="center">Incumbent Worker Training Grant Program</p> <p>Mission: The Incumbent Worker Training Grant Program provides training grants for incumbent workers to small businesses through the Montana BEAR Program, the MMEC and the SBDCs.</p> <p>Current Funding: \$590,000/year Number of Grants Processed: 118+ Total Amount Granted: \$166,075 (Due to a lengthy rules process, these funds did not become available until April, 2010.)</p>

