

Montana Grants and Loans Portal

User Registration

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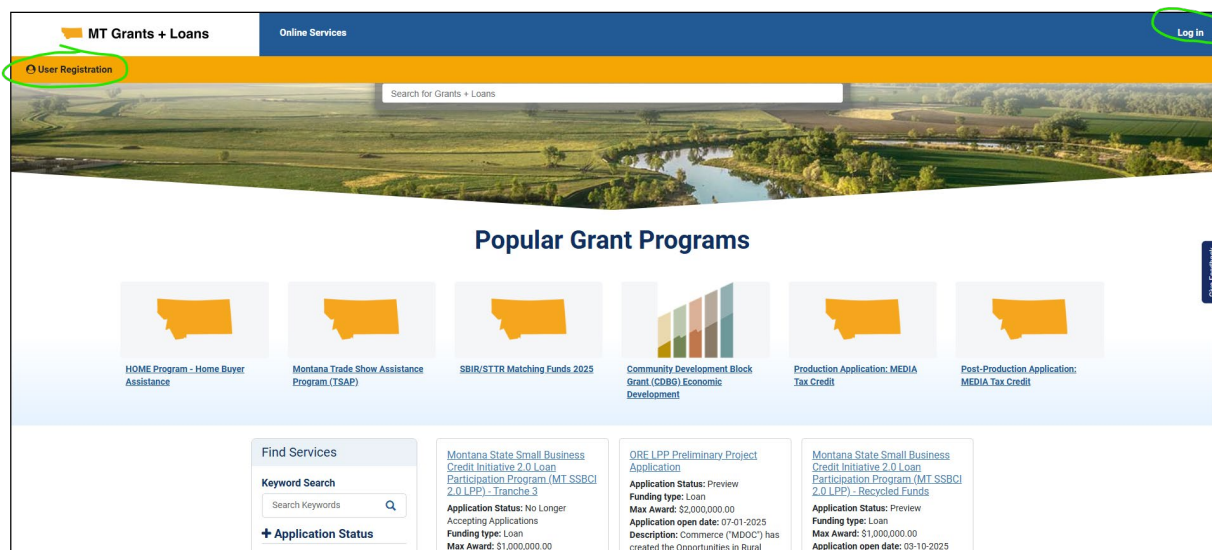
When using the Montana Grants and Loans portal, you do not need to log into an account to browse the funding opportunities (grants and loans) available in the portal. At the time you wish to apply for a funding opportunity, you will need to log in.

The portal takes advantage of the State of Montana single sign-on solution, Okta. You will only need to create one Okta account per email address. You may have an Okta account for your personal email and you may have an Okta account for your work email. The purpose of this document is to outline how to create your Okta account for either type of email address.

If you are using a business email, you will be registering as part of that business account. If someone from your business has already create an Okta account, they will have received a registration code that you can use to add yourself as a contact within the business. If you are unsure if there is a registration code for you business, please contact the support desk at 406-444-2000.

Begin User Registration

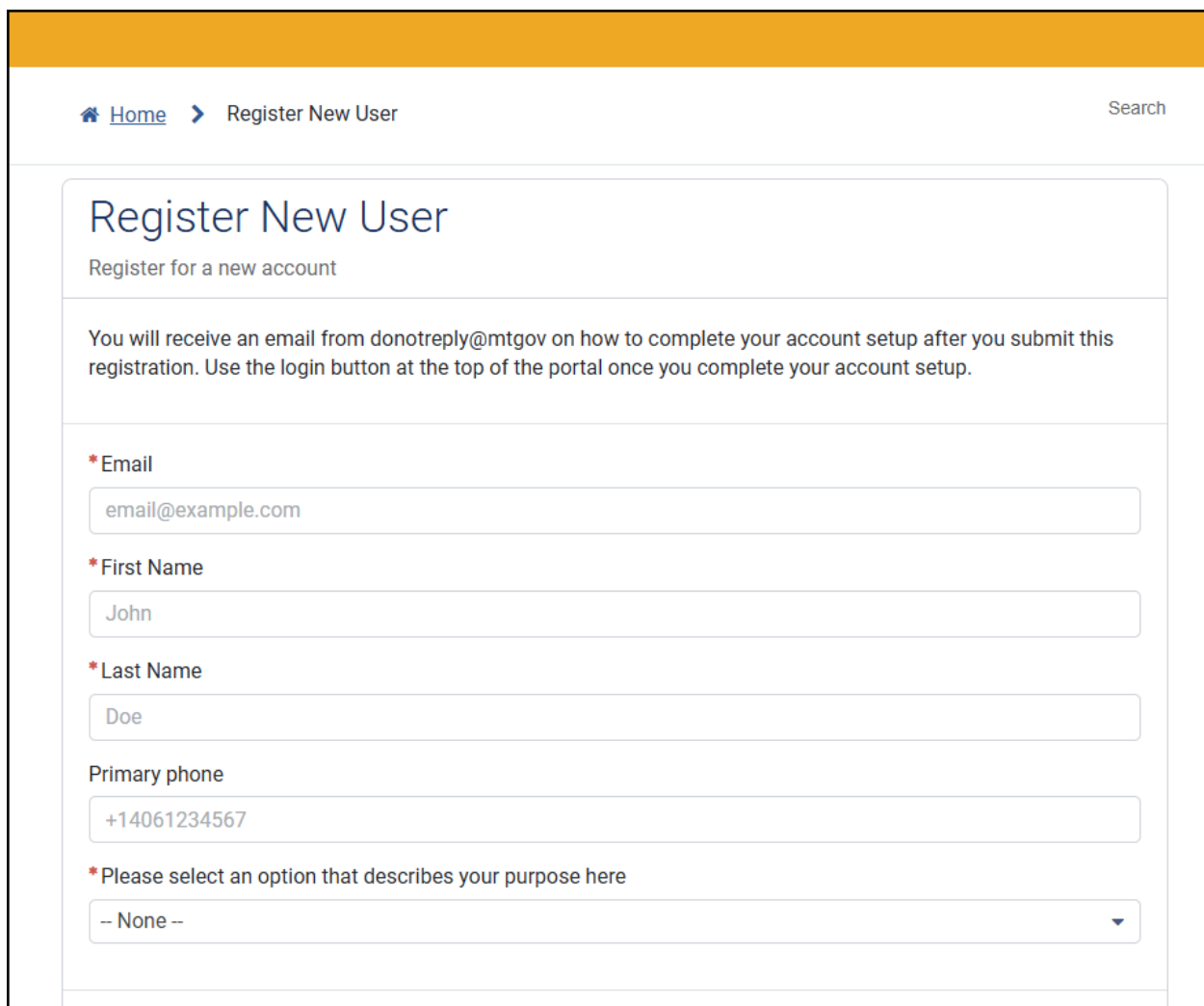
When you are in the portal, there is a top blue banner with the option to Log in on the right side of that banner. If you already have an Okta account to use, you may choose this option. If you need to create your account, choose User Registration in the gold banner located directly below the blue banner.



Fill out the Register New User Form

Your first step in registering for an Okta account is to fill out the Register New User form. Here, enter your email address, which will be used as your login username, your first and last names, and your primary phone. The phone does require a country code, so remember to use +1 before your number for US numbers.

The last selection is for your purpose. This is the purpose for the account. If you are creating an account for you to use with your business / work email, select the appropriate business selection. If you work for a local government, that is considered a business for the purposes of registration. If you are applying for a funding opportunity as an individual, you would choose that you are not representing a business.



The screenshot shows a web portal with an orange header bar. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with a home icon, the text 'Home', a right arrow, and 'Register New User'. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area is titled 'Register New User' with the subtitle 'Register for a new account'. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: 'You will receive an email from donotreply@mtgov on how to complete your account setup after you submit this registration. Use the login button at the top of the portal once you complete your account setup.' The form contains several input fields: a text field for 'Email' with the value 'email@example.com', a text field for 'First Name' with the value 'John', a text field for 'Last Name' with the value 'Doe', a text field for 'Primary phone' with the value '+14061234567', and a dropdown menu for 'Please select an option that describes your purpose here' with the selected option '-- None --'.

Home > Register New User Search

Register New User

Register for a new account

You will receive an email from donotreply@mtgov on how to complete your account setup after you submit this registration. Use the login button at the top of the portal once you complete your account setup.

* Email
email@example.com

* First Name
John

* Last Name
Doe

Primary phone
+14061234567

* Please select an option that describes your purpose here
-- None --

Once you've selected that you are representing a business or are a Sole Proprietor, you will need either connect to an existing business or create one. If you select that someone else in your business has signed up before, you will need to provide the

registration code. If you select that no one has signed up from your business, you will need to enter your business name.

*Please select an option that describes your purpose here

I am representing a business

Has anyone else in your business signed up before?

Yes

*Registration Code ?

If you do not have a registration code from your business, you will need to contact the individual who created the account for your business. They can find their registration code on the business profile page. ✕

You may now complete the “I am not a robot” selection and press Submit.

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Doe

Primary phone

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Test - User Registration Example

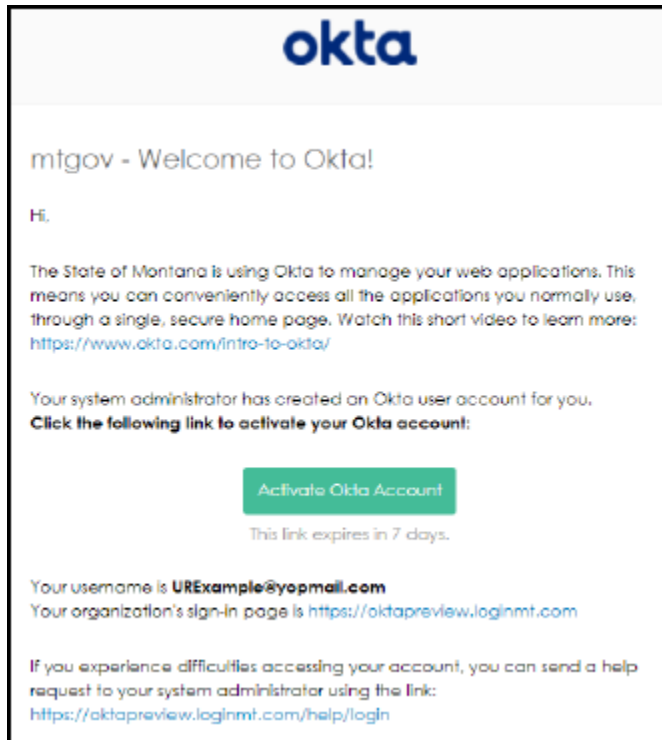
☐ I'm not a robot


reCAPTCHA
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Activate your account

You will now have an email from Okta in the inbox of the corresponding email address you used for registration. If the email does not appear check your junk or spam folder. If the email does not appear, contact the Montana state helpdesk at 406-444-2000 for assistance.


Click on the button, “Activate Okta Account” which will take you to a web page to finish the registration.



Complete the Registration

When you click on the activation link, you will be taken to a page to set your password and security question/picture. When you are done with filling out the form, select the “Create My Account” button.


Welcome to mtgov, User Registration!
Create your mtgov account

 Enter new password


Password requirements:

- At least 8 characters
- A lowercase letter
- An uppercase letter
- A number
- No parts of your username
- Your password cannot be any of your last 4 passwords













Repeat new password

 Choose a forgot password question

Answer

 Click a picture to choose a security image

Your security image gives you additional assurance that you are logging into CIDA, and not a fraudulent website.

Create My Account

Registration is done

You have now completed the registration process and created an Okta account. Remember your email and password, as you will use this account for logging into other State of Montana online services.

FAQs

I created my account and now I'm not sure how to get back to the Grant and Loan system.

Go to [Grants and Loans Portal - MT Grants + Loans](#). From now on, you won't need to register an account, you can log into the system with your Okta username and password by clicking on the Log in link in the upper right-hand corner.

I have an Okta account, but when I log in, I either get a 404 error or an error that I don't have access. This is because your original Okta registration didn't involve the business or personal designation. Go to

<https://montanaservicenowservices.com/citizen> and a pop-up screen will appear asking you to select an option that describes your purpose here. If this screen does not appear, contact the Montana state helpdesk at 406-444-2000 for assistance. Otherwise, you will be able to select your business designation and return to [Montana State Small Business Credit Initiative | Montana Department of Commerce](#) and try applying again.

Someone in my business already registered but they do not know where to get the registration code. Have the person who registered your business go to https://montana.servicenowservices.com/citizen?id=user_profile.

This is their profile page and includes account name and registration code. Have them email you the registration code. If they are unable to find it, they can contact us at [https://business.mt.gov/Business-Assistance/Montana-State-Small-Business-Credit-Initiative-Program/Contact_for assistance](https://business.mt.gov/Business-Assistance/Montana-State-Small-Business-Credit-Initiative-Program/Contact_for_assistance).