

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS MT DIVISION

Commerce creates opportunities for small Montana businesses to achieve the American dream by strengthening programs, prioritizing outreach and supporting local partners to assist entrepreneurs and small businesses with access to programs and technical assistance.

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Commerce's Business MT Division helps with:

- Business trainings and counseling
- Domestic and international opportunities
- Grant and loan financing
- Local partner collaboration
- Tribal grants and technical assistance



Programs and Services

Office of Indian Country Economic Development

- **Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grants:** IEF Small Business Grants assist enrolled members of Montana tribes with startup or expanding businesses.
- **Native American Business Advisors Grant:** NABA Grants support organizations that offer business and credit counseling and application support to Native-owned businesses.
- **Native American Collateral Support Program:** The NACS Program offers a pathway to launching or growing businesses by addressing capital access.
- **Tribal Business Development Grants:** TBDGs connect participating tribes with resources to advance shovel-ready projects that provide measurable economic impacts.
- **Tribal Tourism Grants:** TTGs are awarded to tribal governments to help expand their tourism assets.
- **Tribal Tourism Small Business Grants:** TTSB Grants supply funding for new or expanding Native-owned tourism businesses.

Business Counseling and Training

- **Small Business Development Center:** The SBDC delivers counseling, training, market research and self-help tools to startup or expanding small businesses through 10 regional centers across Montana.

Export

- **State Trade Expansion Program:** The STEP Program is a federal grant through which Montana exporters can apply for reimbursement of international marketing expenses.
- **Trade Show Assistance Program:** The TSA Program helps businesses expand out of state or internationally by assisting with the expense of exhibiting at trade shows.

Finance

- **Certified Regional Development Corporations Program:** The CRDC Program bolsters regional development capacity with funds that cover personnel and operating expenses.
- **MicroBusiness Finance Program:** This program finances businesses with fewer than 10 full-time employees and less than $1 million in revenue.
- **Montana Automation Loan Program:** The MALP is designed to assist manufacturers with automating or modernizing their operations and upskilling their workforce.
- **Montana SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program:** For eligible companies working on a project for a federal agency, SBIR/STTR offers matching grant funds in two phases.
- **Montana State Small Business Credit Initiative 2.0 Loan Participation Program:** The SSBCI 2.0 LPP helps new and existing Montana businesses through economic development organizations.
- **Montana Wood Products Revolving Loan Fund:** The WP RLF helps businesses in Montana's wood products industry, targeting areas where these jobs are at risk.



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