



2024 City of Billings Project Review
Monday, Dec. 9th – 5:30 pm

Thank you for being a great partner as we work together to help the businesses and residents of our 5-county region!

Some of our activities in the City of Billings & nearby area this year:

- Revolving Loan Fund
 - 6 loans in City of Billings totaling \$608,500. Total investment of \$3.45 million.
 - 14 loans in Yellowstone County totaling \$1,086,525. Total investment of \$5.92 million.
- Letter of Support submitted to MT Board of Housing for the Skyview Apartments development on the south side of Billings
- HB 819 collaborative housing efforts/meetings
- Bozeman Trail mapping/website development/heritage tourism efforts in cooperation with Our Montana, Ralph Saunders, Rocky Mountain College & other partners
- Montana Business Attraction efforts with Ultimate Defense Technologies and other manufacturers to bring businesses to Montana
- Collaboration with SBDC and Big Sky Economic Development support
 - Experts Week Tradeshow & Booth
 - Regional training programs
 - Technical Assistance (TA) and referrals to each other regarding urban/rural clients
- Collaboration with Montana Manufacturing Extension Center to provide TA to small businesses
- Small Business Assistance with Grant Applications
 - Yellowstone Pasta Co. – received \$50K Growth Through Ag grant
 - Alaskan Seafood Guys – TA on Growth Through Ag grant
 - Marble Table – TA on Growth Through Ag grant
 - Cut Craft – TA on Growth Through Ag grant
 - Rebel Head Kombucha – TA on Growth Through Ag grant
 - Georgette’s Galettes – TA on funding
 - Bulletproof Insulation – TA on REAP application
 - Ultimate Defense Technologies – MT Business Attraction partner; funding
 - Grindy’s Cheeseballs – funding opportunities
 - StableFeed – TA on Growth Through Ag grant and mill locations
 - Yellowstone Feeders – TA on REAP (Rural Energy for America Program) app
 - Yellowstone Food Hub – TA on Rural Food Systems Initiative grant

- Caramel Cookie Waffle Company – TA on Rural Food Systems Initiative grant; HACCP training funded by Business Enhancement Program grant

Grants & Programs Beartooth Operates to Benefit Billings & Rural Yellowstone County:

- Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant (plus recent application of a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant that, if awarded, will assist with cleanup activities)
- DEQ Environmental Justice Government to Government grant
- Montana Business Attraction: Beartooth RC&D is collaborating with MBA to bring in out-of-state investors and businesses to utilize our manufacturers/businesses and/or relocate their businesses.
- REAP (Rural Energy for America Program) Technical Assistance
- RMAP (Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program) – microloans for small businesses plus TA and training
- SSBCI loan assistance program
- USDA Farm to School Grant

Please Spread the Word to all your businesses! FinCEN (Financial Crimes Enforcement Network) launched the BOI E-Filing website for reporting beneficial ownership information (<https://boiefiling.fincen.gov>) on January 1, 2024. This is a required filing that is due by Dec. 31, 2024, and there are stiff fines for businesses who don't comply.

Please utilize our regional [5-year CEDS](#) (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) document (updated in Fall 2022) for your planning and grant writing needs.

Thank you again! Refer to your digital copy of this to access hyperlinks. You can also find most info posted on our website at www.beartooth.org. Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions or need our assistance.

What are your priorities in the coming year and how can Beartooth help?

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