Beartooth RC&D
Resource Conservation & Development

CITY OF Billings

2026
ANNUAL REPORT

Building Stronger Communities Through Economic Development, Resource Conservation & Regional Collaboration

PEOPLE PLACES PUBLICITY



REGIONAL IMPACT AT A GLANCE

REAL PARTNERSHIPS, MEASURABLE RESULTS.

$9.2M
Funding Leveraged

Financial resources to support community growth

211
Jobs Created & Retained

Supporting the workforce to empower community business growth

124
Businesses & Organizations Served

Providing technical assistance and project support across the region

26
RLF Loans Funded

Helping businesses access capital to drive growth and expansion

KEY IMPACT AREAS

STRATEGIC FOCUS: LASTING CHANGE.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Over $6 million in loans, grants, and funding for opportunities to support regional growth.

BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE TRAINING

- Provided 12 regional training opportunities, including Business Strategy, Digital Marketing, Financial Management, Lean 101, Good Manufacturing Practices, and HACCP.
- 6 of these trainings were conducted in Billings (Rock 31).
- $28K in grants were applied for and awarded for these trainings.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- Applied for $475K in grants for the entire region; $166K was awarded.
- 87 jobs created/retained.

BEARTOOTH RC&D
STRONG PARTNERSHIPS, STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Economic Development | Resource Conservation | Community Collaboration

Strategic Initiatives

Investing in Our Communities & Regional Economy.

GURU



Site Selection Tool

Highlighting agricultural sites and commercial properties to attract and drive new business growth across Billings, Yellowstone County and the surrounding region.

CONNECTING INVESTORS WITH OPPORTUNITIES

Rural Energy for America Program



REAP

Helping local businesses and agricultural producers access energy efficiency resources, grants, and technical expertise.

POWERING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Brownfields Redevelopment



ASSESSMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS

- $460K dedicated to assessment of 12 unutilized properties throughout the region, with $280K paid to QEP's.
- $1M to redevelop and revitalize contaminated properties.

TRANSFORMING SITES INTO OPPORTUNITY

Community Impact

Supporting people, businesses, and communities in Billings and its surrounding areas.

Revolving Loan Fund

14 loans totaling $1.25M

$6.2M leveraged, providing growth capital to businesses and supporting expansion across Billings and Yellowstone County.

Technical Assistance

2,235 Hours

Providing technical assistance to small businesses and entrepreneurs.

429 of these hours dedicated to Yellowstone County businesses.

Food & Agriculture

$97,266 Invested in Yellowstone County

Supporting local producers and strengthening regional food systems.

- Billings: $78,766 invested
- TA Assistance: 191 Hours

The BRCD Ripple Effect

Local investment, lasting change.

Economic & Community Support → Business Investment → Job Creation → Stronger Communities = Regional Prosperity

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Every dollar invested through Beartooth RC&D helps create opportunities for businesses and strengthens communities throughout the entire region, which, in turn, supports long-term economic vitality across **all of Billings and Yellowstone County**.