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| Program Name                                                                                                            | Category               | High Level Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Workforce Training:</b>                                                                                              |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Montana American Rescue Plan Workforce Training Grant Program</b><br><a href="#">More info</a><br><b>On Hold</b>     | Job Training Subsidies | ARPA Workforce Training Grant Program provides up to \$3,000 per eligible employee to reimburse businesses for costs associated with training new and existing full-time workers. Maximum award is \$210,000 per business.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>*Primary Workforce Training Grant</b><br><a href="#">More info</a><br><b>*All FY22 funds are currently obligated</b> | Job Training Subsidies | Provides funds to businesses for training new and existing full time workers with a maximum grant of \$5,000 for each full-time employee and \$2,500 for each part time worker. <b>Additional \$500 incentive available for five eligible hiring classifications such as \$51,000+ job, Native American, Disabled Veteran, Qualified disabled person and post-correctional center participant)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Incumbent Worker Training Grant (IWT)</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                               | Job Training Subsidies | A grant funding resource, helping to off-set a portion of skills-based training costs for incumbent. Grant caps are tiered, based on the number of hours an eligible employee works: 20-34 hours a week year-round \$1000, 35+ hours a week year-round \$2000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Montana Apprenticeship</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                              | Tax Credit             | This state tax credit provides businesses financial incentive to launch new, or expand their current training programs through the Montana Registered Apprenticeship unit at the Montana Department of Labor & Industry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$750 tax credit for each new apprentice, or;</li> <li>• \$1,500 tax credit for each new apprentice that is a veteran;</li> <li>• Tax credit takes effect once apprentice has completed probationary period or after 6 months, whichever is earlier;</li> </ul> The tax credit may be applied for each qualified apprentice’s training program for length of training program or up to five years. |
| <b>Job Creation:</b>                                                                                                    |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Big Sky Trust Fund Job Creation Grant</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                               | Grant                  | The maximum grant or loan award is up to \$5,000 for each eligible new job created. Match required is \$1 for every \$1 awarded (1:1). Must apply through Prospera.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>New or Expanded Industry Credit (Manufacturing)</b>                                                                  | Tax Credit             | The New or Expanded Industry Credit is for businesses creating new                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <a href="#">More info</a>                                                                                                              |                  | manufacturing jobs in Montana.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Program related:</i>                                                                                                                |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Big Sky Trust Fund Planning Grant</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                                  | Grant            | Planning funding is awarded for economic development planning activities in Montana for the following activities: support for business improvement districts including architectural and engineering fees; central business district redevelopment; industrial development; feasibility studies; preproduction costs for film or media. Up to \$27,000. Match required is \$1 for every \$1 awarded (1:1). Must apply through Prospera.                                                       |
| <b>Montana SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                           | Grants           | The SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program assists technology-based Montana companies by providing additional funding that can be used for technology development or other uses during the time that the company is working on a Small Business Innovation Research or Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) project with a federal agency. For eligible companies working on a project for a federal agency, Montana offers up to \$60,000 matching grant funds for Phase I and Phase II. |
| <b>Montana Women's Business Center Impact Grant</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                       | Grants           | Any women owned business >51% ownership can apply for this grant of up to \$6,000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>USDA Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems &amp; Energy Efficiency Improvement</b><br><a href="#">More Info</a> | Grants and Loans | The goal is to provide funds to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. Open to small businesses in rural communities as well.                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Contractor's Gross Receipt Credit</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                                  | Tax Credits      | Credit for people and businesses doing work under public contracts and paying the Contractor's 1% Gross Receipts Tax (CGR). This credit can offset the tax liability of individual income, corporate income, or alternative corporate income taxes and can be carried forward up to five years.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Energy Conservation Investments Deduction</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                          | Tax Abatements   | Tax abatement for capital investment in a building for an energy conservation purpose that is not financed by state, federal, or private grant funds for energy conservation. A deduction up to \$3,600 for nonresidential buildings may be available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Historic Buildings Preservation Credit</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                             | Tax Credits      | An individual or business restoring a historic building (listed on the National Register) they own or lease in Montana. Up to 25% of the federal credit allowed. Credit is non-refundable and may be carried forward up to seven years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Infrastructure User Fee Credit</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                                     | Tax Credits      | Eligible businesses paying a local government infrastructure user fee financed through the Board of Investments. The total credit may not exceed the amount of the loan and the credit may be carried back three years then carried forward seven.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Qualified Endowment Credit</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                                         | Tax Credits      | Credit available for people and businesses making charitable donations to a qualified endowment. 20% of a direct charitable gift made to qualified endowments or 40% of the present value of a planned gift, up to \$10,000. An                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|                                                                                        |                        | endowment is a financial asset created by a donation made to a non-profit group or institution in the form of investment funds or other property that has a stated purpose at the bequest of the donor. Most endowments are designed to keep the principal amount intact while using the investment income from dividends for charitable efforts. |
| <b>Recycling Credit</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                   | Tax Credits            | Credit is for people and businesses collecting, manufacturing, and processing recycled materials.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Unlocking Public Lands Credit</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                      | Tax Credits            | Businesses and people providing access to public lands. Must be enrolled in the Unlocking Public Lands Program with the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Credit is refundable providing \$750 for each qualified access up to \$3,000.                                                                                                    |
| <b>Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)</b><br><a href="#">More info</a> | Financing              | Commercial property assesses clean energy (C-PACE) is a tool that can finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on commercial property.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Research and Development</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                           | Tax Exemptions         | A Research and Development firm organized to engage in business in the state of Montana for the first time is not subject to state corporate income taxes on net income during its first 5 taxable years of activity in Montana.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Northwestern Energy</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                | Rebates                | Natural gas, electric, lighting and Irrigation rebates as well as a E+ Business Partnership Program. Must be a NorthWestern Energy client.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Big Sky Film Grant</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                                 | Grant                  | The Big Sky Film Grant Program builds and supports partnerships with filmmakers and production companies with the intention to create Montana film industry jobs. 50%+ of principal photography must be filmed in Montana.                                                                                                                        |
| <b><i>Agricultural Specific:</i></b>                                                   |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Growth Through Agriculture (GTA)</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                   | Grant and Loan Program | A program to strengthen and diversify Montana's agricultural industry through the development of new agricultural products and processes. Examples of eligible project activities involve equipment purchases, construction costs, advertising and promotion, and consultant services for engineering.                                            |
| <b>USDA Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG)</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>             | Grant                  | Helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities and increase producer income.                                                                                           |
| <b>Specialty Crop Block Grant</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>                         | Grant                  | This grant enhances the competitiveness of specialty crops in either domestic or foreign markets and benefit crops grown in Montana.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>       | Grant and Loan         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Populations less than 50,000</li> <li>• Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling and training, market research, feasibility studies, professional or/technical reports or producer service improvements.</li> <li>• Pollution control and abatement.</li> </ul>  |

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|                                                                                  |                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The capitalization of revolving loan funds, including funds that will make loans for start-ups and working capital.</li> <li>• Distance adult learning for job training and advancement.</li> <li>• Rural transportation improvement.</li> <li>• Community economic development.</li> <li>• Technology-based economic development.</li> <li>• Feasibility studies and business plans.</li> <li>• Leadership and entrepreneur training.</li> <li>• Rural business incubators.</li> <li>• Long-term business strategic planning</li> </ul> |
| <b>Farm Labor Housing Direct Loans &amp; Grants</b><br><a href="#">More Info</a> | Grants and Loans | Provides affordable financing to develop housing for year-round and migrant or seasonal domestic farm laborers. Must be providing affordable rent to low-income tenants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>Exporting Specific:</b>                                                                              |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Montana Department of Commerce State Trade Expansion Program (STEP)</b><br><a href="#">More info</a> | Grant | <p>This program is intended to support Montana companies that export their goods or services. The State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) is a Federal grant administered by Export Montana. Montana exporters can apply for 75% reimbursement up to \$10,000 for eligible international marketing activities, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Trade Show Exhibition</li> <li>• Market Research &amp; U.S. Commercial Service Programs</li> <li>• Foreign Language Translation</li> <li>• International Compliance Testing</li> <li>• International Intellectual Property Protection</li> <li>• International e-Commerce &amp; Website Fees</li> <li>• International Digital Marketing</li> <li>• International Credit Insurance from EXIM Bank</li> <li>• International Travel Stipend</li> </ul> <p>*Companies may receive up to \$30,000 in STEP awards per year.</p> |

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| <b>Commercial Property:</b>                                                   |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Remodeled or Expanded Commercial Property</b><br><a href="#">More Info</a> | Exemption | <p>Property may be eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The property couldn't be used in any business for at least six months before applying for the exemption;</li> <li>• The remodeled, reconstructed, or expanded property value is at least 5%</li> </ul> |

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|                                                                          |            | <p>higher than before the remodel; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The exemption is approved by the local government.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>New Market Tax Credits</b><br/><a href="#">More Info</a></p>       | Tax Credit | This program incentivizes community development and economic growth through the use of tax credits that attract private investment to distressed communities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Montana Property Tax Credits</b><br/><a href="#">More Info</a></p> | Tax Credit | <p>Tax Credits for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abandoned Mobile Homes</li> <li>• Agricultural Processing Facilities</li> <li>• Ammunition manufacturing</li> <li>• Business Incubator</li> <li>• Remodeled or Expanded Commercial property (see above)</li> <li>• Fiber Optic</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Data Center Building</b><br/><a href="#">More Info</a></p>         | Tax Credit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class 17 Property tax classification for qualifying data centers: 25,000 square feet of new or expanded area, where the total cost of land, improvements, personal property, and software is at least \$50 million invested during a 48-month period.</li> <li>• Data centers' property tax liability may be reduced by 75% or 50% of their taxable value in the first five years after a construction permit is issued.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Brownsfield</b><br/><a href="#">More Info</a></p>                  | Grants     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPA's Brownfields Program provides grants to facilitate the leveraging of public resources, EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for brownfield activities.</li> <li>• Assessment Grants provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach.</li> <li>• Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up brownfield sites.</li> <li>• Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant.</li> <li>• Multipurpose (MP) Grants provide funding to conduct a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities at one or more brownfield sites in a target area.</li> <li>• Job Training (JT) Grants provide environmental training for residents impacted by brownfield sites in their communities.</li> <li>• State and Tribal Response Program Grants provide non-competitive funding to establish or enhance State and Tribal Brownfields response programs.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>C-PACE</b><br/><a href="#">More info</a></p>                       | Loan       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C-PACE financing (Commercial Property Assessed Capital Enhancement) is making energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy investments more attainable to commercial building owner</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| <b>Bozeman Specific:</b>                                                            |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>City of Bozeman Commercial Rebates</b><br><a href="#">More info</a>              | Rebates | Does your business receive water from the City of Bozeman? If so, upgrade to high efficiency indoor fixtures and appliances and we'll reward you with a cash rebate (not to mention lower bills) for helping conserve water! Rebates for toilets, washing machines, shower heads and sprinkler systems are available. |
| <b>Bozeman's Downtown Urban Renewal District (URD)</b><br><a href="#">More info</a> | Grants  | Must be in the Downtown Bozeman Urban Renewal District. Grants for fiber, streetscape, fire suppression and safety code, and Residential building units                                                                                                                                                               |

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