

N.E. Montana Small Business Development Center

News and Training Events

"Incumbent Worker Training Program"

Now is the time to check out this amazing opportunity that the State of Montana has provided to qualifying small businesses.

The newly enacted Incumbent Worker Training Program will soon be available to established Montana businesses who are clients of Montana Manufacturing Extension Center (MMEC), Montana Small Business Development Center (SBDC), or who have participated in the Montana Business Expansion and Retention Program (BEAR), with 20 or less in-house employees. If you have employees scattered through the State, the eligibility then rises to 50 employees.

This program will provide grant funding to assist in training your full and part time employees. The program is designed to provide up to \$2,000 for a full-time employee and up to \$1,000 for a part-time employee. These funds do need to be matched and there are worked eligibility requirements.

These funds are available statewide and are very limited, so we are asking that you begin preparing an application for submission now. To do this, we are asking for you to draft a letter that addresses the following:

1. What is the goal of the proposed training? How will it benefit your business in terms of increased efficiency, productivity, competitiveness, and/or reduced employee turnover.
2. How will your employees benefit from the proposed training in terms of increased wages, job security, and/or enhancement of employee's occupation or craft?
3. Who is the proposed training provider, what is the proposed curriculum, training schedule, location of the training and total amount of the training, including travel costs?
4. Which employees will be participating in the training? Include a list of these employees that lists each person's first and last name, what month and year each was hired, whether they are full-time or part-time, what their job title is, and what their base salary is.

Please contact your local SBDC in regards to eligibility and program requirements and discuss the next steps of the application process. This program is to assist established Montana businesses in becoming stronger. Let us know how you can use this money to benefit your business. Letters can be sent to the SBDC in your region.

We look forward to assisting you in growing your business.



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Business Plan Competition Winners

Great Northern is pleased to announce the winners in the following categories

Entrepreneurs listen up..here's your chance to show your stuff!

Pride of Montana Street Fair

Saturday, July 10

downtown in the Sherman Park

Wolf Point, MT

10 AM - 6 PM

\$30 per artist, bring your own table

Promoting Made in Montana products, art work, crafts, and jewelry during the Wolf Point Stampede.

Contact Brianna to reserve your spot

Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce

(406) 653-2012

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Third Annual Arts in the Park

Saturday, July 24

on the lawn of historic Fort Peck Hotel

Fort Peck, MT

11 AM - 6 PM

\$35 per artist, bring your own table

Come to a fun filled day of art, art education, and

\$250.00

Alexis DeWitt

Wolf Point

10 and younger

\$250.00

Kady Lynn
Cosgriff

Jordan

11-15 years

\$500.00

Cray Seiler

Glasgow

16-20 years

\$500.00

Tony Fast

Fort Peck

21 and older

Thank you for your participation!

Entrepreneurs..

Start thinking about

live music in a fun relaxed environment.

Contact Laura or Toni to reserve your spot

ArtSpot Gallery

Inside Flicks, Glasgow

(406) 228-9072 or (406) 526-7262 (cell)

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year. You could be the
next winner!

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Whether you're starting up, refining what you already have, or branching into new areas of business, give your local SBDC office a call for a confidential, no cost consultation. We provide additional resources and contacts for professional services, training, and advice in a friendly environment.

We're invested in your success!

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