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MCA 90-1-105 (Formerly HB19) Update: TJ Altekruze, OICED Program Manager

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Established Partnerships

March 2025:

- Dr. Jennifer Isern - Founder/CEO of Catalyze Global Impact LLC

April 2025:

- Tom Stergios and Kate Pace - Lead Consultants at Craton Consulting

May 2025:

- Karen Dove - Director of Program Integration at Accelerate MT
- Commerce MT Digital Media Team
 - Currently working with this team to bolster our OICED webpage to accommodate a section on the site devoted to links and resources that show the economic contributions of Montana's tribes.
 - <https://commerce.mt.gov/Business/Indian-Country/>

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FY 2025 Tribal Business Development Grant

Recipient #1: Blackfeet Tribe - The Blackfeet Tribe Buffalo Program - Browning, MT

Project Overview: The project aims to purchase two large freezer units and one truck freezer transport unit. The freezer units will provide safe and reliable storage, while the transport unit will ensure efficient delivery of processed buffalo products to facilities across Glacier County, meeting the needs of the local community and supporting food security efforts.

Award Amount: \$89,400

Recipient #2: CSKT - CSKT Meat Processing Office/Retail Modular - Ronan, MT

Project Overview: The project aims to use TBDG funding to purchase and set-up a manufactured office/retail building as an expansion of the Tribe's designs to build out a meat processing office/retail space. The meat processing plant is a key step toward Tribe's food security and sovereignty goals in supplying locally produced and indigenous foods for Tribal members and others.

Award Amount: \$150,600

Reservation Research Data

- In July 2024, interns from a consulting firm called The Whole Group worked on a data project for Commerce's Business Attraction team that provides a snapshot of each tribe's economic development readiness.
- The data was compiled using public sources and includes, but is not limited to, broadband capability, the average square foot price of retail space, household income, and other different metrics.
- In a previous STED meeting, Commissioner Kuhl suggested this project be presented, and it is provided in the STED Commissioners' folders.

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Snapshot of previous TBDG awardees

FY2023: Submissions - Blackfeet, Little Shell, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck

Awarded - Blackfeet, Little Shell

FY2024: Submissions - Northern Cheyenne, Little Shell

Awarded - Northern Cheyenne, Little Shell

FY2025: Submissions - Blackfeet, CSKT, Little Shell

Awarded - Blackfeet, CSKT

Current grant guidelines

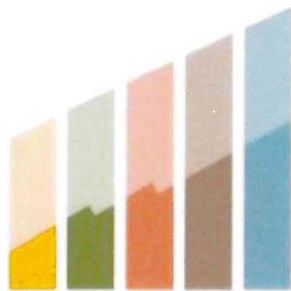
- Included in each Commissioner's folder
 - Thorough outline of eligible/ineligible applicants as well as eligible/ineligible activities, but currently no language exists within the guidelines to ensure that the funding bounces around to different tribes every year.
 - OICED review and awarding process is based upon applications received and a set list of criteria highlighted within the guidelines:
 - *How well does the applicant define the scope, budget, and objectives of the project?*
 - *What challenges must be mitigated to ensure the project's success?*
 - *How will the project positively impact the Tribal Community?*
 - *How well does the project align with and support the Tribe's greater economic development plans?*
 - *How will the success of the project be measured?*
- Notification of open funding for TBDG has primarily been through group emailings to the STED Commission

Suggested changes to our TBDG process

- Make rotating TBDG funding to different tribes a priority each year
 - An awarded tribe couldn't apply for the next two yearly grant cycles
 - Tribes who have never received TBDG funding will be given the opportunity to apply first during a 45-day priority window during the open application period
- Adapt contract language to have TBDG recipients present at STED meetings
 - Recipients acknowledge and agree that members of the STED Commission may request the recipient to provide information and present on the outcome of the awarded project

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- OICED welcomes the Commission's feedback. There will be one more STED meeting in August before the anticipated FY2026 TBDG cycle opens in September 2025



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR:

FY25 TRIBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

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I. ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Tribal Business Development Grant Program (TBDG), under the direction of the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) Business MT Division, Office of Indian Country Economic Development (OICED) is intended to assist Montana Tribal Government businesses in deploying shovel-ready projects (i.e. planning is more or less complete, approval permits are in place, and construction crews can begin once sufficient funding is secured). The grant is designed to aid in the development of for-profit tribal businesses and to create job opportunities within tribal economies.

II. PROGRAM CALENDAR

Following is the proposed activities and deadlines for the Tribal Business Development Grant:

Applications accepted September 16, 2024 - December 20, 2024

Application review by January 17, 2025

Awards and contracts by March 21, 2025

III. FY25 TRIBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

A. SUMMARY

The Tribal Business Development Grant is a competitive grant program to connect participating Tribes of Montana with the resources necessary to advance a shovel-ready project that will provide a measurable beneficial economic impact for the community. Such projects will create short- and long-term jobs in Tribal for-profit businesses and/or a measurable increase in revenue for tribal businesses. These fields may include commercial real estate development, commercial property purchase, small business centers, retail infrastructure, renovations, rehabilitations, or remodeling of existing properties for commercial use, industrial use, business incubators, or certain new/used equipment with a defined depreciation schedule.

Up to \$240,000 is available to fund projects defined under section "E. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES."

8. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Funds are available to the governing bodies of the federally recognized Tribes in Montana. Any applicant in arrears or default with a State of Montana program is ineligible. Applicants who have never received this award are given additional points in scoring.

C. INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

This program is intended for the governing bodies of the Montana's eight Tribal Governments. This program is not intended to assist Tribal Governments in developing business planning strategies.

D. FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Applications will be accepted on an open cycle basis from September 16, 2024 to December 20, 2024.

The total budget for the grant program is \$240,000. Applicants may request a maximum of \$240,000; however, actual grant awards may be less than requested. For this reason, OICED encourages applicants to consider contingency funding sources when preparing their project budgets. Actual grants will depend on the number of applications received and the discretion of the Review Committee.

E. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Development and infrastructure upgrades for a Tribal for-profit business in Montana

Examples are, but not limited to:

- Establishing new or improving an existing commercial business such as storage units, greenhouses, etc.
- Commercial property purchase, excluding raw land
- A shovel-ready construction project to build, expand, or develop a new or existing commercial asset
- Renovations, rehabilitations, or remodeling of existing property for commercial use
- Federal funding match
- Equipment purchase

F. INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The following activities will not be funded:

- Reimbursement for activities completed prior to receipt of application
- Duplicative reimbursement for activities receiving funding for the same services, equipment, or improvements through any other local, state, or federal grant or funding program, except when approved by Commerce as necessary to fully fund the project
- Sole purchase of raw land
- Commercial property purchase that is in a mixed use zone where property can be used or rented as residential lease space
- Prize money, wages, one-time events, advertising, or indirect administrative costs
- Exclusive, private, adult only, require Tribal affiliation, or for members-only
- Projects whose primary development will be a casino or other gambling establishment, or a marijuana establishment or marijuana-related products or services
- Operation and maintenance costs or expenses
- Financial expenses, included but not limited to interest expense, bond issuance costs, or any other debt-related costs or expenses

- Business plan development
- Market analysis
- Feasibility study
- Physical business infrastructure planning, such as zoning
- Legal and financial codification or ordinances benefitting business(es)

G. MATCH REQUIREMENT

Qualified applicants must demonstrate a combination of a cash, equipment, and in-kind match of actual and committed money invested in the proposed project. The match requirement is a minimum of 50% of the award total, \$1 applicant to \$2 award. Reasonable in-kind services, in-kind labor, grant administration costs, and/or volunteer hours may equal 20% of the match. Committed cash is eligible for the match requirement; however, cash match must be no less than 80% of the match required. For example: an applicant requesting a \$6,000 grant award must provide \$3,000 in matching funds where at least \$2,400 is a cash match, and up to \$600 in-kind and/or equipment use committed to the completion of the project as match.

Indirect costs are not eligible for reimbursement under the grant award funds.

H. HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be completed online through the Montana Grants and Loans Portal located at <https://montana.servicenowservices.com/mtgl>.

Applicants will be required to create an Okta profile which requires a valid email account. Okta is located at <https://okta.loginmt.com>.

The application section should contain a detailed project description and background, an explanation of use of funds, the project objectives and tangible deliverables, and a summary of the economic impact the project would have on the geographic area and its residents.

TRIBAL RESOLUTION OR AUTHORIZATION (UPLOAD) - Appropriate authorization for application to the Program by the Tribal Government according to established Tribal Governmental procedures (i.e. Tribal Council Resolution, authorization of the Chief elected official of the executive branch, whichever is applicable) is required and will need to be uploaded. The resolution should include the name of the project being applied for, the name of the Tribal Organization or entity that will be responsible for managing the application process and contract and the governing body's approval to apply for the Program funds.

TO BE DETERMINED - PROJECT TIMELINE (ONLINE) Applicants will need to provide a timeline for when the project activities/scope of work will be completed up to a two-year contract period, no later than two years from the contract date. Program staff will evaluate scheduled project proposal dates and delineate a 1-, 1.5-, or 2-year time horizon for completion, including milestones. Project start-up or preparation activities need to be included as well as the timeframe for procurement of professional services (if applicable) and project implementation and execution of activities.

TO BE DETERMINED - PROJECT SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS (ONLINE) - A budget will need to be completed listing all sources and uses of funds for the entire project including cash and in-kind match contributions. Expense assumptions and how costs are derived should be included (e.g. quotes from contractors, etc.).

Applications considered incomplete or ineligible can be re-opened for editing and negotiated from the Program back to the applicant through ServiceNow. Applicants are encouraged to apply early so that they can make any necessary adjustments or changes before the deadline to make their application competitive.

Receipt of an application does not imply a commitment for funding from the Department. A Review Committee will review the applications for eligibility and suitability with state and program requirements.

I APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

1. **RECEIPT OF APPLICATION** - Once submitted, each application is assessed for completeness and clarity by OICED. OICED coordinates the application review and ranking timeline. OICED may contact the applicant to discuss any concerns or questions or to request additional information or documentation. Site visits by OICED may be made to the proposed project area for the purpose of verifying or further evaluating information contained in the application.
2. **REVIEW** - The Review Committee makes funding recommendations to the Department of Commerce Director who makes the final funding decision.

J. APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Because this is a competitive grant, each application will be evaluated for its strengths and weaknesses compared to other applications. Examples of review criteria include:

1. How well does the applicant define the scope, budget, and objectives of the project? Is it clear from the application how the grant funds would be used and what the applicant hopes to accomplish? How does the applicant intend to promote the project to

the public, specifically where and how will marketing and promotion be undertaken, and will it be featured on a website? Does the applicant provide a detailed budget with reasonable cost estimates and well-defined matching funds in line with the requirements?

2. What challenges must be mitigated to ensure the project's success? Has the applicant appropriately considered the factors necessary for a successful outcome?

3. How will the project positively impact the Tribal Community? Will the project have the support of the Tribal Community?

4. How well does the project align with and support the Tribe's greater economic development plans? Will the project create any new jobs? How will the Tribe ensure new positions are filled and associated wages are sustainable?

5. How will success of the project be measured? In what ways will the applicant measure the success? What metrics will be captured and who is responsible for collecting this data?

K. GRANT NOTIFICATION AND CONTRACT

Applications will be reviewed by January 17, 2025 by a review committee. Recommendations are forwarded to the Director for final funding approval. This process can take anywhere from 30 to 60 days unless a specific deadline applies. Once applicants have been notified of funding decisions, those applications awarded funding will begin the contracting process initiated by OICED.

L. REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Twenty percent maximum up-front grant funds may be paid to grantees. Otherwise, grant funds are paid on a reimbursement basis. Grant funds are intended to be expended by the deadline of the contract period of the award.

Grant funds are reimbursed to the grantee with the submission of:

- a) W-9 (with first request only if not already on file)
- b) EFT form with banking information or mailing address (with first request only)
- c) Completion and submission of required Forms and related receipts:
 - *Request for Reimbursement Form
 - *Project Receipt Worksheet with receipts
 - *Project Status Update Report

Forms are available for download at our website: www.IndianCountry.mt.gov

M. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Project Completion and Close-out Reporting.

Upon self-reported completion of the Project, or by the deadline of the contract, whichever occurs first, OICED will email the Tribe a final Project Completion and Close-out Form. The Tribe will complete and return the final Project Completion and Close-out Form for review by OICED, on or before the deadline of the contract. The Project Completion and Close-out Form will serve as a final Report. It will describe the total costs incurred for the Project, identify the final completion date, provide applicable metrics used to measure the success and/or other testimonials statements about the impact of the project, contain diagrams and photos where appropriate, summarize any significant problems encountered in carrying out the Project, and answer any additional project questions asked of the Tribe from OICED. Upon approval of the Project Completion and Close-out Report, OICED will issue the Notice of Project Close-Out.

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Data compiled from public sources by interns at:



	CSKT	Blackfeet	Rocky Boy	Fort Belknap	Fort Peck	Northern Cheyenne	Crow
Demographics							
Population	31,690	10,375	2,139	3,377	10,126	4,460	7,353
AIANac	32.3%	85.0%	97.0%	96.3%	70.4%	94.8%	83.0%
AIANA	24.5%	83.5%	93.5%	93.6%	64.2%	92.5%	80.5%
Reservation Capitol	Pablo, MT	Browning, MT	Rocky Boy's Agency, MT	Fort Belknap Agency, MT	Poplar, MT	Lame Deer, MT	Crow Agency, MT
10-19 years old	14%	18%	22%	21%	18%	22%	21%
20-29 years old	11%	14%	13%	11%	13%	15%	11%
30-39 years old	10%	14%	12%	13%	14%	12%	13%
40-49 years old	11%	11%	14%	11%	9%	8%	9%
50-59 years old	12%	9%	8%	9%	10%	9%	10%
60+ years old	31%	17%	12%	15%	18%	12%	17%
Education Level							
High school degree or higher	91.2%	88.8%	86.3%	86.7%	92.2%	86.0%	89.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	28.7%	21.1%	10.6%	14.2%	18.0%	15.4%	15.6%
Household Income	\$54,181.00	\$38,767.00	\$45,176.00	\$46,250.00	\$44,907.00	\$45,184.00	\$51,250.00
Poverty	20.2%	30.9%	30.4%	29.8%	34.3%	38.4%	29.8%
Unemployment	4.20%	7.80%	10.80%	10.70%	5.90%	10.70%	8.80%
Crime	Unknown	Twice the national average	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Acreage	1,238,854.40	1,518,099.20	109,696.00	649,472.00	2,104,755.20	452,608.00	2,301,529.60
Avg Home Value	\$309,400.00	\$132,700.00	\$86,700.00	\$72,100.00	\$97,600.00	\$119,200.00	\$158,800.00
Key Employers	• CSKT • KwaTuqNuk Resort and Casino • Public schools • Mission Valley Power • St. Luke Community Healthcare	• Glacier Peaks Hotel & Casino • Glacier Family Foods • Oki Communications • Star Link Cable • Siyeh Development Inc.	• Bureau of Indian Affairs • Indian Health Service and Tribal Government • Agriculture and livestock businesses	• Bureau of Indian Affairs Island Mountain Development Group • Little Rockies Meat Packing Company	• Fort Peck Tribal Industrial Park • Fort Peck Manufacturing Inc • College and Public Schools	• Local Schools • Federal Government • Tribal Government • Power and Construction Companies	• Crow tribal government • Absaloka Coal Mine • Local Education • Agriculture • Other Crow Nation Enterprises
K-12 Schools	• Charlo Public Schools • Ronan Public Schools • St. Ignatius Public Schools • Polson Public Schools • Pablo Elementary • K. William Harvey Elementary • Cherry Valley Elementary • Linderman Elementary	• Browning public schools • De La Salle Blackfeet school	• Box Elder Public Schools • Rocky Boy Schools	• Harlem Schools • Hays Lodgepole schools • Dodson Public schools	• Brockton Public Schools • Poplar Public School • Wolf Point Public Schools • Frazer School District	• St. Labre Indian School • Northern Cheyenne Tribal School	• Crow agency • Hardin Public Schools
Higher Education	• Salish Kootenai College	Blackfeet Community College	Stone Child College	Aaniih Nakoda College	Fort Peck Community College	Chief Dull Knife College	Little Big Horn College

	CST	Blackfeet	Rocky Boy	Fort Belknap	Fort Peck	Northern Cheyenne	Crow
Higher Ed Offerings	•621 enrolled •Certifications, Associates, Bachelors, and Graduate Programs •Over 70 degrees and certificates •Education, Forestry, Business	•2240 enrolled •Associate and Certificate Programs •215 courses •Business, Education, Math, Nursing	•373 enrolled •Certifications, Associates, and Bachelors programs •27 degrees and certifications •Education, Business, Science	•115 enrolled •Associate and Bachelor degrees •Nursing, Welding, Business	•Certifications and Associate Programs •Art and Science	•135 enrolled •Certifications and Associate degrees •Business and education	•385 enrolled •Certifications and Associates Programs •Business and Education
Broadband infrastructure (% with access to wired broadband)	66%	23%	97%	95%	79%	56%	80%
Physical Space (office/call center)	Variety of Commerical Real Estate Units for Lease Ranging from 700 sq ft to 5,400sq ft	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Fort Peck Tribal Industrial Park complex contains vacant facilities, real estate, water, sewer, electrical services, broadband	Unknown	Variety of Commerical Real Estate Units for Lease Ranging from 2,000 sq ft to 22,000 sq ft
Price / square foot	\$1-3/SF per month	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	To buy is \$85/SF	Unknown	\$10-15
Power/Energy Suppliers	Mission Valley Power	Blackfeet Electric Cooperative	Chippewa Cree Utility Authority	Montana-Dakota Utilities Company	Norval Electric Co-Op	•Western Energy •Colstrip Power Plant	Big Horn County Electric Cooperative
Tribal Government	The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation	Blackfeet Tribal Business Council governs under the Blackfeet Constitution and By-Laws. This includes the Blackfeet Tribal Court.	Governing Body is the Chippewa Cree Business Committe with both council members and a chairman. Members are elected.	Fort Belknap Indian Community Council has a president and vice president who serve a four year term. Also includes 8 council members all working with the Fort Belknap Constitution and By-Laws.	Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board including a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary/accountant, sergeant-at-arms, and 12 board members who are elected. Governed by Constitution and by-laws.	Tribal council consisting of members elected from each district and a president. Serve 4 year staggered terms. Governed by tribal constitution and by-laws.	Consists of the General Council and the three branches of government: Executive officials, legislature, and tribal courts.
Local Recreation	•Flathead Lake •Hiking •Cherry Picking •Surrounding Resorts	•Glacier National Park •Museum of the Plains Indian	•Bear Paw Ski Bowl •Chippewa-Cree Recreation Area	•Lodgepole Pow Wow •Milk River Indian Days •Hays Pow Wow •Camping	Multiple celebrations throughout the year	•Museums •Camping/Campgrounds	•Hunting •Fishing •Hiking
Natural Disasters	•Blizzards •Fires	•Blizzards •Fires	•Blizzards •Fires	•Blizzards •Fires	•Blizzards •Fires	•Blizzards •Fires	•Blizzards •Fires
Industry Verticals	•8% Agriculture and Mining •19% Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities •8% Construction	•9% Agriculture and Mining •12% Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities •8% Construction	•3% Agriculture and Mining •14% Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities •10% Construction	•6% Agriculture and Mining •14% Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities •4% Construction	•10% Agriculture and Mining •17% Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities •8% Construction	•5% Agriculture and Mining •9% Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities •3% Construction	•17% Agriculture and Mining •13% Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities •4% Construction
Minimum Wage	\$10.30	\$10.30	\$10.30	\$10.30	\$10.30	\$10.30	\$10.30

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Call Center Competition	• TTEC - Kalispell • Montana One Call Center - Kalispell						• Billings Clinic - Billings
Assets/Capabilities							
Federal/state subsidies supporting facilities, equipment/capital purchases, salary/wage re-imbursement	https://www.kpax.com/indiancountry/confederated-salish-and-kootenai-tribes-awarded-over-37-million-in-grants Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant Program	Funding from State government through Blackfeet Water Compact for water related project. Indian Equity Fund (IEF) Small Business Grant Program	Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant Program	Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant Program	Corporations created under the laws of the Fort Peck tribes operated on Native American-owned property have specific tax incentives. Additional tax incentives for investors looking to locate on the reservation and lease land. Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant Program	\$52.8 million Tribal Connectivity Program Grant (2024) Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant Program	Indian Equity Fund Small Business Grant Program
Unique characteristics	• Flathead Lake • Mission Mountains	• Near Glacier National Park • Many lakes around	• Bear Paw Mountains	• Milk River Valley • Wildlife and Bison	• Fort Peck Lake • Fort Peck Interpretive Center	• Chief Two Moons Monument • St. Labre Indian School Annual Cheyenne Sun Dance • Tongue River Valley	• Largest reservation • Absaloka Coal Mine • Has large data center from old cryptomine • Has coal fired power plant • Big Horn Canyon recreation area
Unique capabilities	• Forestry • Agriculture • Fisheries • Wildlife	• Natural Gas and Petroleum land leases • Small lumber industry	• Cultural education programs • Housing Programs	• Land and Water Stewardship • Business Development Support	• Initiative to create Hydrogren plant	• Northern Cheyenne Broadband Expansion Initiative	• Hunting and Fishing rights
Local Businesses	• Ronan Harvest Foods • Sportsman and Ski Haus • Frey's Tire and Automotive • S&K Electronics	• Glacier Peaks Casino • Family Foods • Starlink	• Chippewa Cree Trading Post • Bear Paw Development Corporation	• Native Assets Accounting and Consulting • Charles T. Rider Roofing and Residential	• West Electronics Inc. • Fort Peck Tech Services Inc.	• The Flower Grinder • Charging Horse Casino • The Spoon and Fork	• Apsáalooke Nights Casino and Convenience Store
Nearby Townships	• Missoula • Kalispell • Polson • Ronan • Big Fork	• Browning • Heart Butte • Kalispell • Great Falls • Cutbank	• Box Elder • Havre • Great Falls • Big Sandy • Chinook	• Harlem • Hays • Great Falls • Havre • Malta	• Poplar • Wolf Point • Williston, ND • Glasgow • Sidney	• Lame Deer • Billings • Sheridan, WY • Hardin • Forsyth	• Crow Agency • Hardin • Billings • Sheridan, WY • Fort Smith
Closest Airport to Tribal Capitol	Kalispell 60 miles	Kalispell 90 miles	Havre 25 miles	Havre 50 miles	Glasgow 77 miles	Billings 104 miles	Billings 60 miles
Closest Walmart to Tribal Capitol	Polson 6.5 miles	Kalispell 90 miles	Havre 25 miles	Havre 50 miles	Williston 76.5 miles	Miles City 103 miles	Billings 60 miles
Closest Railroad Point to Tribal Capitol	Polson 6.5 miles	Shelby 60 miles	Havre 25 miles	Havre 50 Miles	Wolf Point 21 miles	Billings 104 miles	Billings 60 miles
Sources							

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	https://broadbandnow.com/research/tribal-broadband	Blackfeet Indian Reservation - Profile data - Census Reporter	Rocky Boy's Reservation - Profile data - Census Reporter	Directory - Belknap Businesses (weebly.com)	Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux TribesFort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (mt.gov)	Northern Cheyenne Tribe Homepage (cheyennation.com)	U.S. Census Bureau
	https://censusreporter.org/profiles/25200US1110R-flathead-reservation/	Tribal Broadband Data by State - BroadbandNow.com	https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/resources/native-community-data-profiles	Fort Belknap Indian Community (ftbelknap.org)	Fort Peck Tribes Economic Development	https://mdt.mt.gov/other/webdata/external/planning/maps/railmap.pdf	MT Dep of Commerce
	https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/resources/native-community-data-profiles	https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/resources/native-community-data-profiles	https://mi.mt.gov/docs/Publications/EAG-Articles/0220-MontanasReservationEconomies.pdf	Fort Belknap Reservation - Profile data - Census Reporter	https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/resources/native-community-data-profiles	https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/resources/native-community-data-profiles	Little Big Horn College Website
	https://www.mtfireinfo.org/pages/current-fire-info			https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/resources/native-community-data-profiles			Crow Tribal Government
				https://fortbelknapvendors.weebly.com/directory.html			https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/resources/native-community-data-profiles

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OICED: Tribal Tourism Program Update by Rachelle Brown, Tribal Tourism Officer

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Tribal Tourism Grant Awards (TTG), 50% match

- Little Shell Arbor, additions and improvements at Mount Royal \$32,350
- Fort Belknap Aaniiih Nakada Tours, vacation rental renovation \$40,301
- Rocky Boy's Rodeo Grounds, new bucking chutes \$50,000

Tribal Tourism Historic Preservation Grant (TTHPG) one-time funding \$66,500
contract to each tribe, no match

Tribal Tourism Small Business Grant Awards (TTSB) \$10K ea., no match

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| • Assiniboine Books | (Fort Peck, NAMIM products) |
| • Baby's Got Back BBQ | (Fort Peck, Food Truck) |
| • Backpacker's Ferry, LLC | (Blackfeet, Tours) |
| • Bluebird Enterprizes | (Chippewa Cree, Tourism Support) |
| • Brew Crew | (NC, Food Vendor) |
| • Buckaroo Brew | (Little Shell, Food Vendor) |
| • Elliot Ranch Branded Beef, LLC | (NC, Food Vendor) |
| • Iron Shield Creative, LLC | (Blackfeet, Tours) |
| • Johnson's of St. Marys | (Blackfeet, Restaurant) |
| • Leaning Tree Campground & Cabins | (Blackfeet, Tourism Support) |
| • Lemon Drip | (NC, Food Vendor) |
| • Lone Pine Campgrounds | (Blackfeet, Accommodations) |
| • Redbyrd Designs | (Fort Peck, NAMIM products) |
| • Sacred Trails Guides & Outfitters | (Blackfeet, Guides & Outfitters) |
| • SSW Beadwork | (Chippewa Cree, NAMIM products) |
| • Stumitsikitsikin Art | (Fort Peck, NAMIM products) |
| • Wolf Point General Mercantile | (Fort Peck, Restaurant, Gift Store) |

Tribal Tourism Event Sponsorships (7 of 8 Tribal Nations accepted)

Indian Country Production: Scott Smoker and Jordan Lefler, photography & filming to begin this summer, Tribal Tourism Working Groups and consultation stalled but will resume, pursuing extension on Scope of Work to allow more time

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Indian Country Economic Development

Indian Equity Fund (IEF) FY25

The IEF program is proud to support a diverse range of Native American-owned businesses across Montana. The FY 2025 IEF awards spanning over various industries from Agriculture, Ranching, and Hunting Outfitting to Construction, Arts & Crafts, and Welding, as well as Trucking, Wellness (Spa), and Automotive (Repair/Parts), Food & Beverage, Resort, Embroidery, Equestrian, Pet Services, and Graphic Design/Merchandise.

1. PAMS Ag Service - Northern Cheyenne
2. K-M Livestock - Crow
3. Big Crane Outfitters - Crow
4. Rockin Ridge Construction - Chippewa Cree
5. SSW Beadwork - Chippewa Cree
6. Dusty Welding - Chippewa Cree
7. Kevin Arthur Hawley - Ft. Belknap
8. Garrett Doney LLC - Ft. Belknap
9. Wasniya Massage Therapy - Ft. Belknap
10. E-Z Towing - Little Shell Chippewa
11. Mad Hatter Sweets and Treats - Little Shell Chippewa
12. Milk River Meats and Eats - Little Shell Chippewa
13. Divide Mountain BBQ - Blackfeet
14. Johnsons of St. Mary - Blackfeet
15. Omie's Pizza - Blackfeet
16. Old North Trail Enterprises - Blackfeet
17. Cutting Edge Solutions - CSKT
18. Lemon Drops & Treats - CSKT
19. Ty's Malt Shop - CSKT
20. Baby Lonnie's Beer Mug - Ft. Peck
21. Whatever Construction - Ft. Peck
22. Wolf City Auto Inc. - Ft. Peck
23. The Kinder Cowboy LLC - Little Shell Chippewa
24. Bougie Paws LLC - Little Shell Chippewa
25. 653 Custom Designs - Ft. Peck