

"To my business advisor, Steve Clairmont and business partner, June Rae McDonald, a sincere thanks. I couldn't have done it without them. I would also like to thank my parents Dick and Myrna Jakob for their support."
Nick and Myrna Jakob , Owner

Big Sky Hammer Guys

Arlee, MT

After working in the aviation maintenance industry for over twenty years, Nick Jakob was looking for a change. With skills in construction, he decided to pivot to the home remodeling industry. Thanks to previous experience, he already had most of the tools needed to start work. Together with his mother Myrna Jakob, they formed Big Sky Hammer Guys LLC. They also chose to make Myrna the majority owner to qualify for the Indian Preference List on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

To make the business a success, they reached out the Missoula Small Business Development Center to get help in registering the business. They also needed assistance in crafting a business plan that they wanted to submit to the Montana Department of Commerce for the Indian Equity Fund. With help from the Montana SBDC, they worked to register the business and spent many hours on business plan content development and financial projections. Nick was also able to complete and submit the business plan and application materials needed to get the Indian Equity Fund.

Thanks to the Montana SBDC, Big Sky Hammer Guys is officially now up and running. Their application for the Indian Equity Fund, will allow them to get more power tools and a job trailer to store and organize equipment and materials.

Big Sky Hammer Guys LLC has been bidding on Confederated Salish and Kootenai – Elder Program renovations, which will be conducting work to make bathrooms and living areas more accessible and safer for Tribal Member elders. Nick and Myrna feel their work is very rewarding and needed. Nick added, "I wish I could do even more for our elders."

"Nick and Myrna have shown the principles needed to make any business successful. I know for certain that Big Sky Hammer Guys be a success," stated Steve Clairmont, Business Advisor.

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