

Our Mission

The EPEDC was formed with the intention of promoting economic development, expansion, and diversification in eastern Montana.

EPEDC members include:

- Carter County
- Dawson County
- Fallon County
- Prairie County
- Wibaux County
- Town of Ekalaka
- City of Glendive
- Town of Richey
- City of Baker
- Town of Plevna
- Town of Terry
- Town of Wibaux

Historically, this area of eastern Montana has gone untouched by formal economic development efforts. The Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation is providing the support needed for a better economy.

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OUR COMMUNITIES.

OUR FUTURE.



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About the EPEDC

A private, non-profit corporation, the Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC) is a Certified Regional Development Corporation (CRDC), as defined and recognized by the Montana Department of Commerce. The EPEDC also operates as a federally recognized Economic Development District under the US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document for the five county area was originally compiled in 2006 and was updated in June 2012. The CEDS contains:

1. An organization profile.
2. An analysis of the region and its economy.
3. A comprehensive action plan based on identified goals.
4. A guide for evaluating progress.
5. A disaster and economic recovery and resiliency strategy.

A copy of the complete CEDS can be found at epedc.com.

Services

- *Grant writing and administration.*
- *Project management assistance.*
- *Regional advocate for small business.*
- *Business plan preparation.*
- *Loan application assistance.*
- *Gap financing via Revolving Loan Funds.*
- *Technical assistance for existing and start-up businesses.*

Programs

Brownfield Assistance

The EPEDC is a partner in the Eastern Montana Brownfields Coalition (EMBC), which serves 15 counties in eastern Montana covered by three CRDC organizations.

A Brownfields site is a piece of property in which expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of the property may be complicated by the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Clean up revolving loan funds and site assessment grants are available. For more information regarding Brownfields, please visit <http://www.gndc.org/menu-1-1/>.

Small Business Development Center

The regional Small Business Development Center (SBDC), serving the counties of Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Treasure, Wibaux, provides free and confidential counseling regarding all aspects of business start-up and business expansion, including planning and troubleshooting.

Other benefits of the program:

- Business plan preparation.
- Marketing and advertising assistance.
- Evaluation of financial needs, as well as preparation of finance sources and uses.
- Projection of income, expenses, and cash flow.
- "Buy/Sell" analysis.

For more information, or to contact the regional SBDC office, visit semdc.org.

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Revolving Loan Fund



The financing program that works with you — for you!

The EPEDC has access to Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) designed to help established businesses keep and create jobs. By providing a secondary source of funding option, the EPEDC seeks to expand and diversify the local economy.

The RLF program offers qualifying small businesses low, fixed interest rate loans with flexible payment options. The program recognizes that gap financing may be needed at times when a conventional bank lender cannot loan the full amount requested, or when a proposed loan application doesn't meet a bank's underwriting requirements. This can happen because of insufficient collateral/equity or marginal credit. To secure an RLF loan, the borrower must pledge available assets, including guaranties of the principals, after a confidential review of their comprehensive business plan has been done.

**Any questions?
Give us a call, email us,
or visit our website!**

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