Great Falls Regional Economic Development

2020

Growing Great Falls Montana

GrowGreatFallsMontana.org
Quick Look Backward

» 5.0% average annual wage growth for four quarters ending 9/30
  ▪ Average annual earnings grew $2,003

» 11th best average annual pay growth 2013-2017 amongst all 370 U.S. metro areas

» 7.4% GDP growth in 2018; real growth 3.8%
  ▪ $288 million increase topping $4 billion
Quick Look Backward

» Personal income increased 5.0% in 2018
  ▪ *Well above 1.9% inflation*

» Livability’s Top 100 Communities

» 9th best city under 150,000 in U.S. for business startups
  ▪ *23rd amongst ALL U.S. cities*

» Little Shell Tribe federal recognition
FCR Impact
Benefis Women’s and Children’s Center
Great Falls College MSU Dental Expansion
Carved Axe Throwing
Rivers Edge Trail
Love’s Travel Stop
Central Avenue Meats
A Business By Chase, Shawn, and Martha Morgan
True Brew second location
Rockcress Commons
And More for 2020

» North 40
» MT Pints
» FastSigns
» The Gibson
» KDS Networks
» South Peak Wind
» Longfellow School

» Big Sky Cheese
» Silver Falls Distillery
» Big Mouth BBQ
» University of Providence
» MAFB construction
» CM Russell Museum
» Main Stay/Sleep Inn
More Unannounced for 2020

- 7+ more downtown projects
- New retailers
- Rural projects
- Manufacturing prospects
Five New Initiatives Successfully Launched

» Talent Attraction
» Business Development Expansion
» Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Rural Expansion
» Downtown Business Development
» Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Expansion
Entrepreneurial Pitch Nights
Announcing the Next Five Initiatives GFDA Wants to Launch

- Brownfields Assessment & Cleanup
- Financial Capital
- Urban Entrepreneurship
- Opportunity Zone Investment Networks
- Agritech Park & Transload Operation
How Can You Help

- Invest in our region!
- Connect with us online
- Be an online Champion
- Be our eyes and ears throughout the Triangle
- Invest in our economic development work
- Help grow our Top 10 distribution
Subscribe to GFDA Top 10

» Text GFDA to 22828
» Or, email me

» Brett Doney
  - BDoney@GrowGreatFalls.org