



BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

*Building Partnerships
For Community &
Economic Development*

WHO WE ARE

- Nonprofit organization
- Federally recognized Economic Development District (EDD)
- State recognized Certified Regional Development Corporation (CRDC)
- Services include:
 - Community Planning (CEDs, Growth Policies, Capital Improvement Plans, etc.)
 - Community Development (infrastructure planning and financing for water, wastewater, bridges, etc.)
 - Small Business Development Center (business planning and startup resources)
 - Business Lending (RLF financing for small business startup and expansions)





OUR REGION

Blaine

Chouteau

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation

Hill

Liberty

Phillips

Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation

REGIONAL ECONOMY

- Agriculture – the primary industry in the region with wheat, pulse crops, and cattle
- Railroad – many Hi-Line communities were established to support the rail industry along Montana's northern tier
- Health Care – Northern Montana Hospital; 2 Community Health Centers; 5 Critical Access Hospitals; 2 IHS Facilities
- Education – Montana State University Northern; Stone Child College; Aaniiih Nakoda College



BEAR PAW BY THE NUMBERS 2021

\$13,143,829 Funds Secured by BPDC

\$125.17 Leveraged for every \$1 in
Local Government Funding

61 Jobs Created or Retained

121 Entrepreneurs Counseled by
Small Business Development
Center



IMPACT: BPDC THROUGH THE YEARS



Loans to Small Businesses
Since Inception of RLF 420

Estimated Jobs Created
Through RLF Since
Inception 1,795

Funding Coordinated by
BPDC Since 2006 \$181,468,227

Business Lending &
Leveraged Funds Since
1983 for Business Start-
ups and Expansions \$68 Million

NOTICEABLE ECONOMIC TRENDS IN REGION

- Strong spirit of entrepreneurship
- Labor shortages
- Supply chain problems: shipping delays
- Increased input costs for agriculture
- Weather-related ag concerns
- Canadian visitation
- Fuel costs increasing: Ag & Tourism
- Meat processing uptick
- Marijuana legalization
- American Rescue Plan Act
- Remote workers
- Covid-related diversification





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