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ANNUAL REPORT

A Region Moving Forward - Driven by partnership. Focused on growth.

Big Things are Happening in North Central Montana!

The Falls

- 100-acre mixed use development to be constructed on 57th Street on the east side of Great Falls
- Estimated capital Investment \$500-\$700 million
- 630,000 sq. ft. of retail and office space, two hotels
- 831 residential units
- Over a dozen restaurants
- 2 miles of trails
- 20 acres of beautifully landscaped public spaces
- First hotel scheduled to be open by Fall 2026



Little Shell Event Center & Resort

- 200 room hotel
- 30,000 sq. ft. indoor water park
- 10,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose space for events
- 8 lane bowling alley and arcade
- 500 machine gaming facility
- 9,700 person capacity arena for entertainment and sports
- Multiple food and beverage venues, including scenic dining



Meadowview Village

- 26-acre infill lot located inside city limits
- 163 home community
- Homes range in size from 427 to 2,000 sq. ft.
- Ownership opportunities on deeded lots
- Prices to be set at or below current median for new construction for Great Falls
- Amenities include:
 - private roads & alleys
 - clubhouse
 - indoor pickleball courts & gym
 - playground
 - dog park & green spaces



Montana Renewables Expansion

- U.S. Department of Energy closed \$1.44 billion loan guarantee to Montana Renewables LLC for expansion
- Increase capacity to approximately 300 million gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and 330 million gallons combined SAF and renewable diesel
- Feedstock purchase to double from 1.5 billion pounds to 3 billion pounds annually (seeds, oils, tallow)
- Estimated to create 450 construction jobs and up to 40 permanent high wage operations jobs
- At full capacity, projected to produce about 50% of North America's SAF and roughly 12% of global SAF supply through 2030

Berkshire Hathaway Energy MT

- Broke ground on new 75-megawatt Glacier Battery System, located between Cut Bank and Shelby, to support Montana's wind and solar energy generation.
- 2-hour standalone BESS, tied to Montana-Alberta Tie Line
- 70 contracted workers
- 1,000-acre Glacier Solar Park (100 MW by 2026)
- Great Falls office & control center (15 employees)
- BHE Montana investment in Montana Midwest Interconnector (with Grid United and NorthWestern Energy)
- Existing assets: Rim Rock Wind (189 MW), Glacier I (105 MW), Glacier II (103.5 MW)
- Operational end of 2025



Celebrating Wins Across Our Region



Robyn's Nest Daycare

Robyn's Nest Daycare expanded by 40 slots in Great Falls, filling a critical childcare need and helping more parents and guardians reenter the workforce. GFDA supported the project with site assessments, business planning, and bridge financing, advancing our childcare and workforce priorities.

Great Falls Voyagers

Enbar, Inc. retained local ownership of the Great Falls Voyagers with financing from GFDA and our Montana SSBCI program partnership - keeping jobs, tourism dollars, and a vital quality-of-life asset rooted in our community.



Ponderosa Solutions

Ponderosa Solutions opened a new Transload Facility in the Great Falls AgriTech Park, reducing freight costs and improving supply chain efficiency for local businesses while strengthening our transportation network and attracting new investment.



Pasta Montana

Pasta Montana was GFDA's FIRST borrower. 20 years later, we are celebrating a \$6.5 million expansion that increases production to 80 million pounds annually (4,850 lbs of pasta per hour, 24 hours a day). Farmers benefit from a stronger local market for their wheat and the City's tax base grows, ensuring lasting economic impact for the region.



Carter Commons

GFDA provided critical financing to support the development of Carter Commons, a 24-unit affordable senior housing project. This loan played a key role in expanding housing options for older adults in Great Falls, reinforcing our commitment to inclusive, community-centered growth.

Omie's Pizza

The opening of Omie's Pizza in Browning, with support from GFDA's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), showcases the power of local entrepreneurship: creating jobs, reinvesting dollars locally, and fueling economic growth in a rural tribal community.



The Tool Box

The Tool Box was featured on the June/July 2025 cover of Contractors Supply magazine. Owner Jill Tranmer shared, "We are so thankful for GFDA," recognizing the impact that our Small Business Development Center and APEX Government Contracting advisors had in supporting the successful start and growth of her business.

Rising Wolf Outfitters

Rising Wolf Outfitters expanded in East Glacier with a new guide shop, restaurant, and cabins. With lending and advising support from GFDA, this locally owned business is strengthening tourism, creating jobs, and generating new economic opportunities in a rural tribal community.



The Shambles

GFDA provided lending support through our USDA Meat and Poultry Revolving Loan Fund to help The Shambles, LLC launch Cascade County's only USDA-inspected livestock facility. This start-up improves local processing capacity, creates jobs, supports livestock producers with better market access, and strengthens the regional meat supply chain to keep more dollars and economic impact in our community.

Total Construction LLC

Total Construction LLC earned Small Business Administration certifications as a Woman-Owned, Veteran-Owned, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business with assistance from GFDA APEX government contracting advisors, opening doors to new opportunities and business growth.



From Assessment to Action: Housing Production

GFDA’s 2024 Housing Market Demand Assessment shows a projected demand for + / - 650 new housing units per year in the Great Falls MSA (Cascade County) over the next 10 years, including 270 new rental units and 370 new for-sale/ownership units per year.

HOUSING PROJECT PROGRESS

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| Projects Completed: | 217 units |
| • The Station Lofts: | 121 units |
| • Carter Commons: | 24 units, affordable senior housing |
| • Aurora: | 72 units (288 total units completed) |
| Under Construction: | 36 units |
| • Stadium Club Apartments: | 12 units |
| • Baatz Block Apartments: | 24 units |
| Projects Announced: | 255 units |
| • Upslope: | 163 units |
| • Bayview: | 92 units |

To view the full Housing Market Demand Assessment, visit: <https://growgreatfallsmontana.org/reports>



GFDA and Partners Welcome Touro University Students

GFDA is going beyond recruitment to ensure Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine feels welcome in Great Falls. Community events, partnerships, and local business support provide opportunities for students, staff and faculty to integrate into the fabric of Great Falls – and encouragement to stay, practice, and build their lives here. Efforts also strengthen our healthcare sector, expand educational opportunities, help address critical workforce shortages, and enhance quality of life across North Central Montana.

Celebrating Student Success

The college welcomed its second class of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) students, with nearly 140 students donning their coats at the annual White Coat Ceremony.

Touro COM also held its inaugural graduation for 16 students completing the Master of Science (MS) program, marking the school’s first-ever graduating class in Great Falls.



Building Community Connections

Thank you to the businesses, partners, and community members that helped contribute!

Touro Night at the Voyagers: Students, staff, and faculty enjoyed A Night at the Voyagers, hosted by GFDA and supported by our investors.



Docs & Tots: Students joined community partners to teach kids about medicine in a playful setting; gaining valuable experience while building trust with local families.



Downtown Night: Students explored Downtown Great Falls during a special welcome night hosted by Brush Crazy, Hi Line Climbing Center, and Little’s Lanes.

Welcome Bags & Student Dinners: Local businesses donated welcome bag items for incoming students, ensuring each felt part of the community from day one. Community members also hosted dinners to welcome students and share their favorite things about Great Falls.



Celebration in Motion: GFDA Events



Fire Within

This year's Fire Within Awards set a record as we honored 56 outstanding women entrepreneurs and leaders. Aspire and Inspire Award winners were celebrated for igniting new ventures and continuing to lead with passion and impact.



Entrepreneur Celebration

Our first-ever Entrepreneur Celebration at The Newberry honored the vision, creativity, and hard work of entrepreneurs across the region. This inspiring evening marked the start of a new annual tradition - celebrating the people driving innovation and growth in our community.



Ignite 2025

With 350 attendees and 27 presentations, Ignite 2025 was our biggest yet! From nonprofits to agri-food ventures, and even a major mixed-use development announcement, the morning showcased innovation across the region.



Annual Meeting & Ally Awards

Fifteen exceptional individuals were recognized with a 2024 Ally Award for their dedication, collaboration, and support of GFDA's work. Honorees included: Annie Banker & Adrian Doucette-Stockman Bank; Keith Cron-Hygienix, LLC; Amber Gerber-Legacy Title of Montana; Herb Kulow, Retired-Montana Board of Investment SSBCI Program; Daniel Layton & Lea McGiboney-USDA Rural Development; Karlee May-Urban Land Institute; Matt McKamey-Opportunity Bank; Becky Nelson-Great Falls Public Schools; Claude Smith-Montana Manufacturing Extension Center; Dave Smith-Sletten Construction; Randy Williams-Stockman Bank; Jim Wingerter-Montana Department of Transportation; and Spencer Woith-Woith Engineering.



Collaboration Without Borders

International Economic Development Council Rural Retreat

GFDA hosted the first-ever International Economic Development Council Rural Retreat, bringing more than 400 economic developers, site selectors, elected officials, and industry partners from across the U.S. and Canada. Attendees experienced Great Falls, Conrad, Cut Bank, White Sulphur, Fort Benton, and Choteau—showcasing both the successes and challenges of rural America while exchanging ideas to tackle issues like workforce, housing, and infrastructure.



Aspirational Trip

GFDA staff and four community partners hit the road for an Aspirational Trip, learning from peers and partners across the West. From the IEDC Conference in Denver to site visits in Greeley, Cheyenne, and Billings, we gained insight into workforce, housing, defense, and tourism strategies. These lessons, and the connections made, will help shape economic growth in North Central Montana.



Lethbridge Partnership

Through our ongoing partnership with Economic Development Lethbridge, GFDA is working to expand cross-border trade and investment. This collaboration highlights the Great Falls–Lethbridge corridor as a competitive region for agriculture, bioprocessing, and other targeted industries while supporting businesses entering new markets.



Market Insights, Business Highlights

Great Falls Chosen as Montana’s Hub for Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses

The Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program launched its first Montana cohort at Great Falls College MSU, the state’s only center for this national initiative. More than 30 entrepreneurs have completed the training, gaining practical skills and coaching to grow their businesses. GFDA is proud to support and be involved in this program that strengthens Montana’s small business community.

Livability Magazine

GFDA partners with Livability magazine to share the story of what makes Great Falls, Montana an incredible place to live, work, and play. This resource is a valuable tool for recruiting talent and attracting new residents; highlighting the region’s quality healthcare, strong education system, affordable housing, outdoor recreation, and thriving food and drink scene. Use it to introduce candidates, new hires, or potential investors to the lifestyle and opportunities that make our community stand out. Share digitally or pick up copies at GFDA.



Downtown Cohort

Congratulations to the entrepreneurs and small business owners in our first Downtown Great Falls Cohort, who completed a three-month program focused on learning, growing, and thriving together. Participants included Inge’s Fashions, Grae + CO, Ferrin’s Furniture, The Runway Salon, The Gittin Store, Firefly Salon and Spa, Escape the Falls, Let’s Play Games and Toys, and Studio Montage. Inspired by their experience, the group plans to continue meeting monthly to support one another.

Winter Cohort

The Winter Entrepreneur Cohort wrapped up its three-month experience with eight local small business owners and entrepreneurs. Participants included Yarn and Honey, ThriveCycle, Pizazz, BSpark Architecture, Linda Michael’s Salon & Spa, Life in Bloom, The Farmers Daughter Fibers, and Creative Leigh Digital. The cohort covered topics such as profit margins, pricing, inventory, managing teams, and more.

Business Blitz

Our first Business Blitz filled the room with 50 entrepreneurs eager to learn about finance, marketing, and startup strategies. With rave reviews and requests for more, we followed up with Business Blitz 2.0 where 20 participants focused on branding, digital marketing, and time management skills.

Data that Shapes our Strategy

Every year GFDA assesses the market to determine what updates to make to our regional Economic Development Strategy. Our strategy is not a workplan that encompasses everything our organization does; it identifies the priorities for our economic development work and details specific actions we will undertake to produce the greatest possible mission-driven impact.

We determined that freight logistics, downtown Great Falls and energy industries offered opportunities, but we needed a better understanding of specific niche opportunities for our region and obstacles that could hinder industry investment. GFDA commissioned two in-depth regional industry market assessments (Energy and Freight Logistics) and one local Downtown Great Falls assessment to help identify opportunities, explore obstacles, and develop economic development strategies we should put to work to attract investment in business start-ups, expansions and attractions.

Freight & Logistics Assessment

GFDA partnered with Moffatt & Nichol to assess freight and logistics opportunities in the Great Falls region. While Great Falls is well-positioned along BNSF rail and I-15 with access to Pacific ports and the Sweetgrass border, the region lacks modern transloading and warehousing facilities. Most freight moves by truck, increasing costs and limiting efficiency. The study highlights opportunities to expand value-added processing and logistics infrastructure to strengthen regional competitiveness.

Downtown Great Falls Market Assessment

GFDA partnered with Leland Consulting Group on a Downtown Market Analysis and Economic Vitality Strategy, outlining a five-year plan for revitalization. The studies found strong momentum from new investment and events but noted challenges with vacant space, parking perceptions, and limited riverfront connectivity. Downtown could capture 12–18% of the city’s housing demand through infill and mixed-use redevelopment, positioning it as a vibrant place to live, work, and invest.

Energy Market Assessment

GFDA partnered with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to evaluate opportunities in transmission; hydrogen and eFuels; and efficient, healthy buildings to position the region in the growing clean energy economy. The assessments found that Great Falls has outstanding wind, hydro, and biofuel resources, but growth is limited by transmission constraints and rising energy costs. Expanding renewable fuel production, improving energy efficiency, and building a skilled clean energy workforce present key opportunities for long-term regional competitiveness.

View Market Assessments and Strategy Recommendations at:
www.GrowGreatFallsMontana.org/reports.

Building Capacity, Celebrating Achievement

This year, GFDA strengthened its capacity by growing access to loan capital; adding eight new team members to better serve entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities; and earning prestigious recognition. With accolades ranging from an SBDC State Star Award to a national IEDC award, our organization and partners continue to demonstrate leadership in economic development.

New Loan Capital

The demand for GFDA’s gap and bridge financing has never been stronger. To keep pace, GFDA continues to grow its pool of loan capital - raising over \$5.18 million in new loan capital this year. Every dollar raised is deployed into high-priority projects that create jobs, expand services, and improve quality of life. Across the Great Falls region, businesses, housing developers, and community partners are using GFDA finance tools to help projects move forward that otherwise would not. Our revolving capital ensures that investments made today will continue fueling growth well into the future.

IEDC Excellence in Economic Development Awards

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the world’s largest association of economic developers. Each year, IEDC’s Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognize outstanding programs, partnerships, and initiatives that create jobs and strengthen communities. Awards are given at gold, silver, and bronze levels across categories ranging from housing and workforce to marketing and leadership. All members, big or small; rural, urban or suburban; U.S. based or international, are eligible and encouraged to participate in this competitive program.

This year, GFDA was awarded two Excellence Awards:

- Silver–GFDA Top Ten Newsletter
- Bronze–Great Falls Housing Market Demand Assessment

SBDC State Star Award

The Montana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network named Rich Gannon, GFDA Small Business Advisor, as this year’s Montana State Star. The State Star Award is the highest honor within America’s SBDC Network, recognizing advisors who demonstrate exemplary performance, make significant contributions to their Network, and go above and beyond to help small businesses succeed. Recipients are nominated by peers, chosen by State Directors, and recognized at the national ASBDC conference. Congratulations, Rich, on your Star award for outstanding work supporting rural entrepreneurs!

Celebrating Impact by the Numbers

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| Business Attraction Announcements | \$3,956,200,000 |
| Business Expansion Announcements | \$1,406,000,000 |
| Business Expansions Built | \$17,400,000 |
| SBDC Small Business Advisors | 22 startups secured \$7,700,000 in capital |
| APEX Government Contracting Advisors | Clients secured 2,254 Government Contracts, Totaling \$122.8 million |
| Downtown Great Falls Cohorts | Two Cohorts with 18 existing businesses |
| Fire Within Awards | 53 women entrepreneurs were celebrated |
| AgriTech Park Lots Purchased | 4 companies purchased 51 acres |
| AgriTech Park Lots Optioned | 569 acres |
| GFDA Secured for AgriTech Park | 36 acres purchased, 42 acres optioned |
| New GFDA Team Members | Eight |
| New Childcare Slots | 156 |
| Active Housing Developments | 14 |
| New Rental Units Constructed & Rented | 361 |

LENDING SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS

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| New Loan Capital Secured | \$5.18 million |
| Total Number of Loans | 12 |
| Total Amount of Loan Capital Deployed | \$3,602,535 |

Little Learners Academy Center, Inc.

GFDA provided lending support to help Little Learners Academy Center, Inc. acquire the established Little Learners childcare business; preserving local jobs, expanding childcare availability, and strengthening access to quality early childhood education in our community. Thank you to our bank partner, Aspen Aggas of Bravera Bank, for your invaluable collaboration in making this high-impact project possible.

Missouri River Meats

GFDA’s loan with Missouri River Meats is a win not just for one business, but for the entire region - helping boost efficiency, increase processing capacity, and expand services that strengthen the local food supply chain. GFDA is helping local producers reach new markets and ensuring more Montana-raised products stay right here in our community.

Benski Towing & Recovery

An SBA 504 loan through GFDA’s affiliate High Plains Financial enabled Benski Towing & Recovery to acquire TTT Repair, expanding local towing and full-service repair capacity. Partnering with Erin Townsend of Bravera Bank, the project secured a fixed, low interest rate and a financing structure that keeps critical services and jobs growing in Great Falls.

The Team Behind Our Success, Celebrating Investors & Partners

GFDA is a public/private partnership; our work is only possible because of the dedicated team of investors and partners behind us. We couldn't do what we do without you; thank you!

INVESTORS

Premier Division \$50,000 or more

Cascade County

Champion Division \$30,000-\$49,999

Benefis Health System
US Bank

Pioneer Division \$15,000-\$19,999

Wells Fargo

Advance Division \$10,000-\$14,999

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Central Plumbing, Heating &
Excavation
City Motor Co.
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Energy West
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Northwestern Energy
North 40 Outfitters

Northrup Grumman
Pacific Steel & Recycling
Springhill Suites
TD&H Engineering
Touro University
Transystems Flagship Division

Flagship Division \$7,500-\$9,999

ADF International
Arc Apartment Homes

Dick Anderson Construction
Great Falls Public Schools

Sletten Construction

Leadership Division \$5,000-\$7,499

Big Sky Select Properties
BNSF Railway
Cushing Terrell
General Mills
Great Falls Montana Tourism
Gusto Distributing

Guy Tabacco Construction
James Talcott Construction
JCCS, Inc
LPW Architecture
McDonalds of Great Falls
Montana Credit Union

Murphy Real Estate, LLC
Nelson Architects
Pepsi of Great Falls
Scheels
Stockman Bank

Pacesetter Division \$2,500-\$4,999

AE2S
AT Klemens
Aquasource Drilling
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
Bravera Bank
Cappis Consulting & Tax, LLC
Detailed Construction Company
Douglas Wilson & Company
Eagle Beverage
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Great Falls Association of Realtors
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Investment, LLC
Montana Specialty Mills
Pasta Montana
Pinion Global
Republic Services
Taylors AutoMax
TC Glass
United Materials
Vemco
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Community Division \$1,000-\$2,499

1st Liberty Federal Credit Union
Action Plumbing & Construction
Ag Processing Solutions, Inc.
All Around Construction
of Great Falls
All State Signs
Arvon Block, LLC
Belt Valley Bank
Big Sky Civil & Environmental, Inc.
Brett Harris Insurance
Buchanan Enterprises, Inc.
Cascade County Tavern Association
Citizen's Alliance Bank
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Contract Flooring/Carpet One
Demski Group
Dustin Young & Company
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