



# 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 (CEDDS, 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)





# OUR REGION

Blaine  
Chouteau  
Fort Belknap Indian  
Reservation  
Hill  
Liberty  
Phillips  
Rocky Boy's Indian  
Reservation

# REGIONAL ECONOMIC

- 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



# BEAR PAW BY THE NUMBERS 2017

\$8,959,691 Funds Secured by BPDC

\$85.33  
\$1 in Local  
Funding

Leveraged for every  
Government

195 Jobs Created or Retained

124 Entrepreneurs Counseled  
by Small Business  
Development Center



# IMPACT: BPDC THROUGH THE YEARS



Loans to Small Businesses Since Inception of RLF	381
Estimated Jobs Created Through RLF Since Inception	1,460
Funding Coordinated by BPDC Since 2006	\$136,500,051
Business Lending & Leveraged Funds Since 1983 for Business Start-ups and Expansions	\$59 Million

# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR BPDC DISTRICT

## Opportunities

- Canadian Trade
- Value-Added Agriculture
- Pulse Crop Development
- Quality of Life
- Broadband Deployment

## Challenges

- Canadian Exchange Rate
- Distance to Markets
- Climate Change
- Aging Infrastructure
- Housing Stock
- Population Demographics



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