

# Great Falls Regional Economic Development



## Quick Look Backward

- » 5.0% average annual wage growth for four quarters ending 9/30
  - *Average annual earnings grew \$2,003*
- » 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

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## Quick Look Backward

- » Personal income increased 5.0% in 2018
  - *Well above 1.9% inflation*
- » Livability's Top 100 Communities
- » 9<sup>th</sup> best city under 150,000 in U.S. for business startups
  - *23<sup>rd</sup> amongst ALL U.S. cities*
- » Little Shell Tribe federal recognition

# FCR Impact



# Benefis Women's and Children's Center



# Five on Black



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# Great Falls College MSU Dental Expansion

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# Carved Axe Throwing





# Rivers Edge Trail



# Love's Travel Stop



# Central Avenue Meats





A Business By Chase, Shawn, and Martha Morgan



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# True Brew second location



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# Rockcress Commons

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## 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

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## 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

# Relocation Magazine

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# Entrepreneurial Pitch Nights

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# 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

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