

FINANCIAL EXPOSURE:

Rating the States on Economic Development Transparency

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APPENDIX for Montana

Transparency scores for major state programs

(* see next page for scoring details)

Program Description	Recent Annual Cost	Online Recipient Disclosure	Recipient Disclosure Score*
Big Sky Development Trust Fund Program Job Creation Projects - Disbursed to local governments seeking funds on behalf of basic sector companies	\$4 million (2020)	Source 1 Source 2	46/100
Infrastructure User Fee Credit - Basic sector businesses that pay a fee to use infrastructure financed by the Montana Board of Investment's Commercial Loans to local governments are entitled to a credit that's no more than the loan. They must create at least 15 full-time basic sector jobs.	\$14 million (2020)	none	0/100
Montana Big Sky Film Grant - provides funds for qualified Montana expenditure for projects that are produced mainly in-state	\$0.76 million (2019)	Source 1 Source 2	32/100
Primary Sector Workforce Training Grant - pays for training by basic sector businesses: up to \$5,000 for each new full-time job and \$2,500 for each new part-time job	\$1.3 million (2020)	Source 1 Source 2	37/100
Tax Increment Financing - The project must be 300,000 square feet or larger and have a total investment of \$150 million. Developers may qualify for a reduced tax rate for a 15-year period.	\$5.5 million (2020)	none	0/100

Financial Exposure: Rating the States on Economic Development Transparency	Maximum possible score	Big Sky Development Trust Fund Program Job Creation Projects	Infrastructure User Fee Credit	Montana Big Sky Film Grant	Primary Sector Workforce Training Grant	Tax Increment Financing
Scoring Details for Montana Programs						
<i>Score criteria (point values in parentheses)</i>						
PROJECT INFORMATION						
address/coordinates (8); zip code (5); city or county (3)	8	8	0	8	8	0
month + year of agreement/contract/project (1)	1	1	0	1	1	0
nature of project (1)	1	1	0	1	1	0
ADVANCE NOTICE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION						
full applications (5); applicant names + amounts (2); applicant names (1)	5	0	0	0	0	0
cost-benefit analysis at least 15 days in advance (3)	3	0	0	0	0	0
meeting: full proposal (4); program + applicant (3); agenda (2); dates (1)	4	0	0	0	0	0
full draft agreements ahead of approval (3); full agreements after (1)	3	0	0	0	0	0
RECIPIENT IDENTITY						
federal employer identification number (1)	1	0	0	0	0	0
industry classification NAICS code (1)	1	0	0	0	0	0
parent company for all awardees (3)	3	0	0	0	0	0
SUBSIDY INFORMATION						
approved/awarded subsidy value (4)	4	4	0	4	4	0
disbursed/claimed subsidy amount (6)	6	0	0	0	0	0
status + penalty actions (10); status only (5)	10	5	0	5	5	0
JOB CREATION REPORTING						
number of projected new/retained jobs/trainees (6)	6	0	0	0	6	0
number of actual new/retained jobs/trainees (14)	14	14	0	0	0	0
WAGES/PAYROLL REPORTING						
projected wage/payroll for new/retained jobs (5)	5	0	0	0	0	0
actual wage/payroll for new/retained jobs (10)	10	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENDITURE/INVESTMENT REPORTING						
projected capital investment/expenditure/cost (1)	1	0	0	0	0	0
actual capital investment/expenditure/cost (4)	4	4	0	4	4	0
DATA ACCESSIBILITY AND USABILITY						
two clicks from program page (3); - 1 for every additional click	3	2	0	2	2	0
unambiguous data and explanations (2)	2	2	0	2	1	0
five years of data placed together (2); on different pages (1)	2	2	0	2	2	0
downloadable to database applications (3); downloadable to PDF (1)	3	3	0	3	3	0
TOTAL PROGRAM SCORE	100	46	0	32	37	0

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Scoring notes for Montana

Grant programs administered by the Department of Commerce are disclosed through a database:

https://dataportal.mt.gov/t/DOASITSDDataPortalPub/views/DOCGrants/DOCGrantsDashboard?%3Aembed=y&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3AshowShareOptions=true&%3Adisplay_count=no&%3AshowVizHome=no. The Department also maintains an interactive maps that can be filtered by various criteria:
<https://commerce.mt.gov/About/Funded-Projects>.

Big Sky Development Trust Fund Program Job Creation Projects

(no notes)

Infrastructure User Fee Credit

There is no online recipient disclosure for this program.
(no notes)

Montana Big Sky Film Grant

(no notes)

Primary Sector Workforce Training Grant

(no notes)

Tax Increment Financing

There is no online recipient disclosure for this program as this is a local program that reduces state taxes. Aggregate costs are reported by the revenue department.