Step 1. Go to https://montana.servicenowservices.com/mtgl
**Step 2.** Once at the homepage, for new users to the State OKTA system select “User Registration” on the top right of the screen and register account. If you have a State OKTA account, select “Log in” on the top right of the screen and continue to step 3 to log in.
Step 3. Log into your account.
Step 4. Select desired funding opportunity.
Step 5. Select “Apply”.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Montana's CDBG Economic Development program is designed to stimulate economic development activity by assisting Montana's private sector to create or retain jobs for low-to moderate-income Montanans, but specifically, this includes individuals earning less than 80% of the area median income.

The program can assist businesses by awarding grants to local governments and making direct or indirect financing available to those businesses at low interest rates. In addition, the program can offer payment deferrals, lower first-year payments, and interest-only payments.

Businesses work with local governments to apply to the program, and the local government then lends to an eligible business or grants a non-profit. CDBG-ED funds are intended to be used in situations where a funding gap exists, and alternative sources of public and private financing are not adequate.

The focus of the program is to support the creation or retention of full-time permanent jobs for Montanans. Loan amounts are based on the number of employees, businesses, or retail or the number of new positions to be created. Loan terms are determined according to the use of funds and the borrower's financial position. The business must ensure that at least 51% of the jobs are made available to individuals earning less than 80% of the area median income.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Ask Questions/Reminders: The CDBG-ED Program is designed to stimulate economic development activity by assisting the private sector to create or retain jobs for low- and moderate-income persons primarily through loans to businesses. The program is designed to assist businesses by making flexible financing available to them at reasonable interest rates, given the risk of the project, and to provide public improvements in support of economic development activities.
Step 6. Fill out the applicant information.
Step 7. Add the corresponding funding opportunity’s application with the “Add attachments” button at the bottom of the form, then select “Submit” to submit the application.