

Montana Office of Tourism & Business Development

Governor Bullock has launched a collaborative effort across state government to help Montana businesses and communities impacted by wildfires access state resources to help minimize the economic impact.

This collection of 17 state programs can provide grants and loans to businesses that might need a little bit of capital to re-open their doors or re-stock their shelves. These programs can also provide technical assistance, where we can connect ranchers with needed hay or support small businesses through counseling or planning.

The Department of Commerce offers nine of the 17 programs. Two programs in particular — the *Tourism Emergency Marketing Grants* and the *Montana Disaster Recovery Small Business Grant Program* — stand ready to provide some of the most immediate assistance with existing funds we've set aside in response to this crisis.

Every small business owner in the state, or community impacted by wildfires can go to businessrecovery.mt.gov, or call us at 406-841-2770, to learn more about the resources available that will get our towns moving again. There is staff available to answer specific questions or connect business owners with the right resources. In the coming weeks, staff from across state government will head into the communities hardest-hit by wildfires to meet one-on-one with folks who might need help.

(FAQ)

What are the qualifications for a Montana Disaster Recovery Small Business Grant?

This grant helps disaster impacted businesses create and retain jobs for the community by stabilizing weakened businesses, encouraging businesses owners to re-open or stay in business. See application for examples of eligible expenses.

Go to <https://isobureau.submittable.com/submit> for more information and an on-line application. Grants are limited to \$5,000.00 and documentation of expenses is required within 30 days of signing the contract. Additionally, businesses must:

- Be risk of being put out of business or currently out of business due to adjacent disaster.
- None of the grant funds will be used for otherwise insured or reimbursed expenses.
- Registered to do business in the state of Montana.
- W9 completed.

What is the Tourism Emergency Marketing Grant?

This grant provides critical, time sensitive funding for emergency communications and marketing materials for visitors or supporting tourism businesses and communities. This grant is available to local Governments, Tribes, and Tourism Regions/CVBs. See application for examples of eligible expenses.

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