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... providing support for a better economy.



“What divides us  
pales in comparison  
to what unites us.”

— Ted Kennedy

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### Next Board Meeting:

July 22, 2020

9:30 AM

### Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Experience

Many of us live along one of the most famously known trails in the United States: the Lewis and Clark Trail. The Lewis and Clark Trail stretches through the US from Pennsylvania to Oregon and Washington and traveling through all of Montana. The trail is 6,157 miles by car and spans over 16 states. The National Park Service (NPS) and Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation have partnered together to retrace the expedition to explore new places, people and stories.

The NPS would like to invite businesses or individuals to nominate a point of interest along the trail. They want to see businesses and residents tell them what's special about their destination or point of interest. Nominations are free to complete, give an opportunity to showcase what is special about your tourism business or destination, and help promote travel to your area. Follow the link below for more information or to nominate a business/destination.

<https://lewisandclark.travel/>

### Delivering Local Assistance Grants

In September 2019, EPEDC worked with entities from the different counties we cover to apply for DLA grants. We received notification of the grants awarded in February 2020. EPEDC either wrote or provided technical assistance for the following awarded projects:

\$750,000 for Glendive Public Schools K-8-replace plumbing in Washington Middle School  
\$750,000 to the City of Baker - replace or rehabilitate water mains in the downtown area  
\$750,000 for the Town of Wibaux- Construct wastewater treatment improvements

\$200,000 Wibaux Public Schools- construct improvements to include new boilers, HVAC and lighting.

\$69,801 for Plevna Schools- rehabilitate controls on boiler plant; install digital controls in 16 classrooms, install controls for HVAC in gym areas

\$750,000 for Ekalaka Elementary- construct connecting wing between elementary and high school buildings to secure entrance and playground

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### COVID-19 Resources for Businesses, Non-profits & Individuals

With the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic it's important to have as many resources and tools at our disposal as possible. Due to how frequently everything changes, below are some resources that are being updated regularly to the current information available for funding, loans and unemployment.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp#section-header-5>

Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and  
Emergency Advance

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loan-emergency-advance>

Chart Comparing PPP and EIDL

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/trends-policy-issues/loans-available-nonprofits-the-cares-act-public-law-116-132>

Department of Labor- Unemployment

<https://montanaworks.gov/Job-Seeker-UI-Claimant>

Non- Filers: Payment Info

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>

Non-profit Resources

<https://www.mtnonprofit.org/covid19nonprofit/>  
<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/nonprofits-and-coronavirus-covid-19>

Federal Rural Resource Guide

[https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA\\_COVID-19\\_Fed\\_Rural\\_Resource\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_COVID-19_Fed_Rural_Resource_Guide.pdf)

The EPEDC serves the following participating counties and municipalities:  
Carter County, Dawson County, Fallon County, Prairie County, and Wibaux County,  
as well as the City of Baker, the Town of Elkalaka, the City of Glendive, the Town of Plevna,  
the Town of Richey, the Town of Terry, and the Town of Wibaux.



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