

## **GROWTH THROUGH AGRICULTURE GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM**

### **Project Summary for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025)**

The [Growth Through Agriculture](#) (GTA) program is a grant and loan program established by the Montana Legislature to strengthen and diversify Montana's agriculture industry through development of new agricultural products and processes.

The GTA program offers funding in the form of a grant or loan or both and funding is determined by a seven member [Agriculture Development Council](#) (Council) during scheduled meetings. The Council members are appointed by the Governor.

Growth Through Agriculture funding requires the investment of at least a \$1 in matching funds for every \$1 in program grant or loan assistance received.

### **Projects Awarded**

#### **DAJ Ventures LLC dba Missouri River Meats – Great Falls**

\$50,000 grant "Missouri River Meats Federally Inspected Commercial Kitchen"

#### **Montana Premium Processing Cooperative – Havre**

\$50,000 grant "Montana Premium Processing Cooperative Cooler Expansion Project For Increased Capacity, Value Added Aging Flexibility, Redundancy, and Employee Hire Growth"

#### **Deer Creek Meats – Glendive**

\$18,894.50 grant "Deer Creek Meats Distribution Expansion"

#### **Missoula Grain and Vegetable Co LLC – Stevensville**

\$42,502 grant "Expanding the Scale of Sales & Distribution of Montana-grown Vegetables, Fruits, & Other Whole Foods Through an Online Store and Winter CSA Program"

#### **Flocking Good Farms – Big Sandy**

\$25,000 grant "Strengthening Montana's Food System: Expanding Poultry Operations and Rural Access"

#### **Everyday Foods – Red Lodge**

\$18,500 grant "Wholesale Bakery/Retail Expansion in Red Lodge: connecting local food infrastructure to consumers, scaling artisanal sourdough baking production and increasing desirable local jobs"

#### **Coyote Smile Farm LLC – Charlo**

\$15,500 grant "Coyote Smile Farm Garlic Cleaning Efficiency Improvement Project"

**The Rancher's Daughter Montana LLC** – Kalispell  
\$42,500 grant “The Rancher's Daughter Farm to Table Retail Store Expansion”

**Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes** – Pablo  
\$50,000 grant “Expanding Zero-Waste Solutions for CSKT Meat Processing Facility and the Flathead Reservation”

**Value Add Montana LLC** – Bozeman  
\$18,500 grant “Equipment, refrigeration and promotion of local tallow rendering business”

**Fundamental Feed Montana LLC** – Kasson, MN  
\$50,000 grant “Sainfoin: revitalizing Montana's rural economy with the forage of the future.”

**Cherrywood Orchard** – Bigfork  
\$15,604 grant “Cherrywood Value Added Processing and Equipment Investment”

**North Frontier Farms Inc** – Shonkin  
\$33,500 grant “Color sorter for high-antioxidant black/purple corn seed and food production”

**North of Nowhere Farm LLC** – Opheim  
\$15,125 grant “Expanding Value-Added Production in Northeast Montana - Beef Jerky for School Backpack Programs”

**Tongue River Vineyard & Winery LLC** – Miles City  
\$13,201.62 grant “Canning a ‘Totally Montanan’ Wine”

**Beaverhead Meats** – Dillon  
\$50,000 grant “Beaverhead Meats Expansion Plan Proposal”

**Bainville Meats** – Bainville  
\$17,500 grant “State Certification Expansion”

**Sun Ag Power Corp** – Bozeman  
\$20,325 grant “Increasing MT Farmer Viability Through Solar Development”

**Farmer Meets Foodie LLC** – Havre  
\$23,400.51 grant “Farmer Meets Foodie Expansion Project”

**Conservation Grains LLC** – Choteau  
\$5,792.50 grant “Grain--Moving & Storing to Achieve 5 YR Growth Plan”

**Ten Mile Distilling LLC dba Gulch Distillers** – Helena  
\$25,000 grant “Gulch Distillers Factory Expansion and Tasting Room Relocation”

**Valhalla Meadery** – Bozeman

\$20,375 grant “Valhalla Meadery Business Expansion”

**Treasure State Sires LLC** – Havre

\$50,000 grant and \$100,000 loan “Purchase of equipment and supplies for boar stud barn”

**Amaltheia Organic Dairy LLC** – Belgrade

\$94,140 loan “Increasing Regional Access to Montana Goat Milk”

**Hay Montana LLC** – Toston

\$50,000 loan “Hay MT Manufacturing & Export”