

# GROWTH THROUGH AGRICULTURE

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

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Projects should primarily add value to Montana's agricultural products and have the possibility to create and/or retain jobs in Montana.
- The Agricultural Development Council may make a grant or loan if it determines that a project is consistent with the goals of the Growth Through Agriculture Act.
- A \$1 for \$1 match is required for all proposals.
- Contact Food and Agriculture Development Center ([www.foodandag.mt.gov](http://www.foodandag.mt.gov)) network and/or Small Business Development Center ([www.sbdc.mt.gov](http://www.sbdc.mt.gov)) network before you begin the application process. These organizations can assist with the application, as well as the required financial projections, business plan, and marketing plan.



## GTA GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

Maximum amount of \$150,000 in the form of grant funding up to \$50,000 and loan funding up to \$100,000.

### Example of Project Activities:

- equipment purchases,
- advertising and promotion, and
- consultant services such as engineering costs.

### Application Deadline:

- Friday, September 15, 2017

## APPLY ONLINE

Applications for all GTA programs are available online through WebGrants. Applicants must register to apply at [www.fundingmt.org](http://www.fundingmt.org).

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