

**Agriculture Development Council
Growth Through Agriculture (GTA) Program**

March 4-5, 2025

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Tuesday, March 4

	Topic	Discussion
	Call to Order ✧ John Wicks, Chair	
	Roll Call/Call for Proxies	
	Public Comment	
	Welcome ✧ John Wicks, Chair	
	Department & Budgetary Updates ✧ Andy Fjeseth, Bureau Chief	
	Council Reimbursement ✧ Dani Jones, Councils Coordinator	
	Review of Ethics Policy / Conflict of Interest ✧ Anna Kecskes, Chief Attorney	
	Application Review Process ✧ Bailey Kaskie, GTA Program Manager	
	Review of Applications ✧ John Wicks, Chair ✧ Q&A sessions schedule starting on page 2 of agenda	

Grant Review Schedule

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 4

9:00	Start meeting, review process	
	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 1-5	
9:30	#1 Value Add Montana	Blaire Yurashak
9:45	#2 Greycliff Smokehouse LLC	Micah Bowden
10:00	#3 Sun Ag Power Corp	Bradley Gilbert
10:15	#4 Conservation Grains LLC	Judy Cornell
10:30	#5 Cherrywood Orchard	Tiffany Sybert
10:45	Review proposal scores 1-5	
	Break	
	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 6-7, 26, 9-10	
11:00	#6 Everyday Foods	Asano Otsu
11:15	#7 Coyote Smile Farm LLC	Ian Barry
11:30	#26 DAJ Ventures/Missouri River Meats	Drew Hicks
11:45	#9 Valhalla Meadery	Robert Watson
12:00	#10 Tongue River Vineyard & Winery LLC	Hannah Strong
12:15	Review proposal scores 6-7, 26, 9-10	
12:30	Lunch	
	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 34, 12-16	
1:15	#34 Montana Premium Processing Cooperative	Matthew Rains
1:30	#12 Amaltheia Organic Dairy LLC	Susan Brown
1:45	#13 Farmer Meets Foodie	Sarah Manuel
2:00	#14 From the Ground Up LLC	Lisa Schmidt
2:15	#15 Flocking Good Farms	Carissa Bergren
2:30	#16 Ten Mile Distilling LLC dba Gulch Distillers	Julia Gustafson
2:45	Review proposal scores 34, 12-16	
	Break	
	Discussion and Q&A for Applications 17-22	
3:00	#17 Trouts & Sprouts LLC	Licette Hammer and Brian Anderson
3:15	#18 Hay Montana LLC	Harold Brazill
3:30	#19 Yellowstone Meat Co	Derek Eaton
3:45	#20 Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	Velda Shelby
4:00	#21 Treasure State Sires LLC	William Kleinsasser
4:15	#22 The Marble Table	Jen Marble
4:30	Review proposal scores for 17-22	
4:40	Public Comment	
	Adjourn	

Wednesday, March 5

- 9:00** Call Meeting to Order
Public Comment
Discussion and Q&A for Applications 23-25, 8, 27-28
- 9:05** #23 Pondera Regional Port Authority Rob Cook
- 9:20 #24 University of Montana Campus Dining Anastasia Orkwiszewski
- 9:35 #25 LCCDC dba Mission West
Community Development Partners Jan Tusick
- 9:50 #8 North of Nowhere Farm LLC Darlis Nordhagen
- 10:05 #27 The Rancher’s Daughter Grayson Cottrell
- 10:20 #28 Lolo Fresh LLC Brent Olson
- 10:35 Review proposal scores 23-28
Break
Discussion and Q&A for Applications 29,31-34
- 11:00** #29 Deer Creek Meats Joshua Dillon Kreilaus
- 11:15 #31 Bainville Meats Mathew BC Azure
- 11:30 #32 Fundamental Feed Montana LLC Mary Hartman
- 11:45 #33 Farm Box Justin Dye
- 12:00 #35 Beaverhead Meats Michael McGinley
- 12:15 Review proposal scores 29-33
- 12:30 Lunch**
Discussion and Q&A for Applications 11, 35-38
- 1:15** #11 North Frontier Farms Inc Ole Norgaard
- 1:30 #36 7 W Enterprises Inc Gregory Woods
- 1:45 #37 Missoula Grain and Vegetable Co LLC Katelyn Madden
- 2:00 #38 Mont-Dulce LLC dba Cool Earth Creamery Teresa Morales
- 2:15 Review proposal scores 34-38
Break
- 2:40** Final Scoring Discussion and Awards
Next Meeting Date
Public Comment
Adjourn