

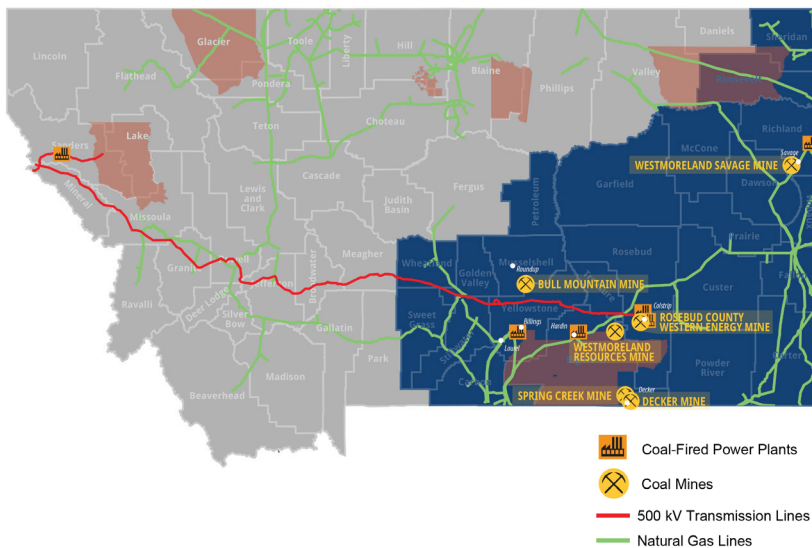
MONTANA POWER INITIATIVE

Funding

US Department of Labor awarded funding to the Montana Department of Labor & Industry under the Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative to assist communities and workers negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy.

Overview

\$2.0 million to workforce training for coal-related communities (65% to worker training + services, 20% to workforce planning, 15% to administration & IT). Grant ends September 2019. Potential for one-year extensions up to five years total (September 2022) and additional funding of \$2.6 million (grant total \$4.6 million) as needed may be provided for the POWER-MT region.



Partners

23 Counties, Crow Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, Local & Regional Planning and Development Organizations, Higher Education, Labor Unions, Citizen Advocate Groups, Private Industry Organizations, State and Federal Agencies.

Types of Jobs

Training should be for in-demand jobs based on MT labor market forecasts as well as other demonstrated job demands. Training can be used to upgrade skills.

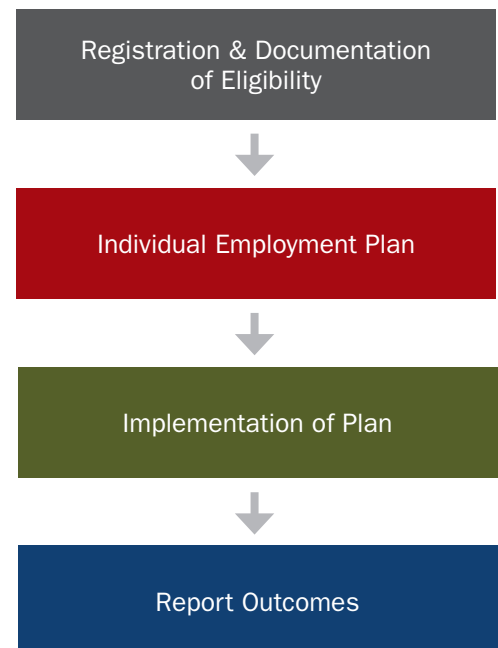
Additional Information

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Goals

- Work with partners in POWER-MT region to assist with local workforce development planning.
- Train and assist current coal-impacted workforce by:
 - Upgrading skills for existing jobs or a new career;
 - Including opportunities in apprenticeships and on-the-job training;
 - Providing career planning and other employment services.
- Cover as many workers as possible via additional funding and extensions of time (potential total of 5 years) through outreach, coordination, and participation with region.
- Work with local partners to develop a workforce plan to a transitioned economy.

General Process





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Job Service Montana Offices

Miles City: 12 North 10th Street, (406) 232-8340
Glendive: 211 South Kendrick Avenue, (406) 377-3314
Sidney: 211 North Central Avenue, (406) 433-1204
Wolf Point: 201 Main Street, (406) 653-1720

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Montana Registered Apprenticeship Offices

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Billings: 2121 Rosebud Drive, (406) 652-3080
apprenticeship.mt.gov
(406) 444-4100

On-the-job training and technical instruction that teaches Montana workers the skills our businesses need to grow and expand their operations. Upon completion of the training program, an apprentice may receive a nationally recognized industry credential.