



**MONTANA**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CDFI

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## Montana Medicaid Expansion Support

At its May 2, 2024 meeting the **Great Falls Development Authority's Board of Directors unanimously voted to support the continuation of expanded Medicaid in Montana**. From an economic development perspective, we consider this to be the most important issue for consideration of the next Montana legislative session.

The Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA) is a community economic development partnership and certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). GFDA is a broad public, private, nonprofit partnership that serves the Great Falls Montana MSA and the surrounding thirteen-county rural and tribal trade area of north central Montana. Our partnership includes the City of Great Falls, Cascade County, Great Falls College MSU, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians, University of Providence, Great Falls Public Schools, Great Falls International Airport Authority, Great Falls Tourism, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, NeighborWorks Great Falls, Downtown Development Partnership of Great Falls, Great Falls Association of Realtors, Homebuilders Association of Great Falls, Sweetgrass Development, Great Falls Business Improvement District, Cascade County Tavern Association, McLaughlin Research Institute, and over 130 leading local businesses and institutions who invest in our work.

Our mission is to grow diverse economic opportunities that enhance quality of life. We seek to transform Great Falls, Montana and the surrounding rural and tribal region into a thriving economy that raises the standard of living, particularly for underserved populations and economically distressed areas, and creates greater economic opportunity for people, entrepreneurs, and businesses.

Our vision for the Great Falls regional community (rural, tribal, and urban) is to be a proud, positive, and vibrant community, which welcomes new people, new investments, and innovative opportunities while celebrating its authentic and diverse Montana culture. Our community will be a safe and inclusive place to raise families and will offer opportunities for individual growth and a quality of life, which retains and grows our population.

***We believe that the continuation of expanded Medicaid in Montana is critical to the achievement of our mission and our vision for the Great Falls regional economy. We urge support!***

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brett Doney".

Brett Doney  
President & CEO

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