

Center on Self-Employment

National Center on Self-Employment, Business Ownership, and Telecommuting

MONTANA SELF-EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1. The MicroBusiness Finance Program (MBFP)

Provide loans up to \$100,000 to qualified microbusinesses. Provides training and technical assistance to qualified microbusinesses.

<https://marketmt.com/Programs/Business-Assistance/Microbusiness-Finance-Program/>

2. Park Local Loans

Microloan program available for Livingston and Park County businesses that have been affected by Covid 19. Provides 20K microloans for working capital at 5.25% interest rate with 6-year term. The Emergency & Disaster Loan Program They also offer free business advising.

<http://parklocal.org/doing-business/loans/>

3. Standard Loan Program

Provides microloans of 50K to companies that have been in business for 1 year.

Provides loans of up to 200K to companies in Livingston and Park Counties to companies that have been in business for three years. Priority is given to businesses that demonstrate the ability to provide quality jobs and economic impact.

<http://parklocal.org/doing-business/loans/>

4. Montana Independent Living Centers

Provide generalized support for people with disabilities in Montana.

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5. VR Self Employment Guide

Provides a self-employment guide for VR counselors in Montana and across the country; examples of successful entrepreneurs with disabilities are from Montana. The guide is very comprehensive and covers all aspects of business planning which are needed for VR counselors.

<http://vrselfemploymentguide.org/content/featured-business-owners>

6. University of Montana Rural Institute Transition and Employment Projects

Provides general information on self-employment for VR counselors.

<https://transition.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/employment/self-employment/>

7. University of Montana Research & Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities

Provides a powerful database of research and information on all aspects of disabilities in rural areas with a great focus on both self-employment and employment.

<https://www.umt.edu/rural-institute/rtc/>

8. Bozeman Technology Incubator

Provides funding, education, and mentoring for growing technology companies in Montana.

<https://bozeman.com/our-services/>

9. MoFi

Provides funding to growing companies; provides business loans starting at 1K.

<https://www.mofi.org/business-loans/>

10. Prospera Montana

Provides loans to emerging companies.

<https://www.prosperamt.org/how-we-help/loan-funds>

11. Montana Technology Enterprise Center

Provides support for technology and bioscience companies in Montana.

<https://www.montanaenterprisecenter.com/montana-bioscience-cluster-initiative>

12. 406 Labs

Provides support to emerging companies in Montana, in particular at Montana State University.

<https://www.montana.edu/business/entrepreneurship/406labs-curriculum.html>

13. Early-Stage Montana

Provides support to tech companies in Montana.

<https://www.earlystagemt.org/>

14. Rock 31

Provides mentoring and support to entrepreneurs.

<https://rock31.org/funding-options>