# Montana Department of Commerce

Agency Overview
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# Mission, Vision and Values

#### **Mission**

The Department of Commerce effectively and efficiently delivers programs and resources through technical assistance, funding/investments, training/consulting, promotion, research, reporting and outreach to provide affordable housing and create sustainable business and economic growth to enhance community vitality to benefit the citizens of Montana.

#### **Vision**

The vision of the Department of Commerce is to be the recognized leader in realizing Montana's full potential by efficiently growing sustainable economies and vibrant communities.

# Mission, Vision and Values

**Excellence:** We are committed to delivering superior service, valuing respectful communication, creative solutions and responsible resource management.

**Integrity:** Our foundation is built on trust, achieved by aligning our actions with our words and engaging with transparency, consistency and accountability.

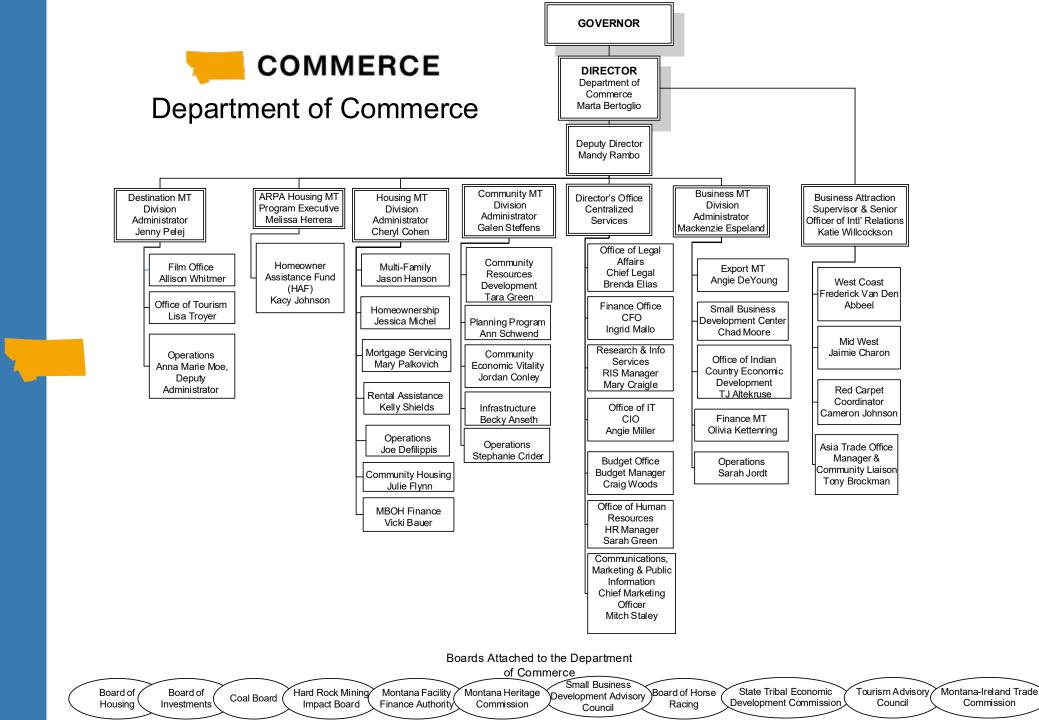
**Engagement:** We prioritize genuine, collaborative relationships, uniting within our department and with partners and communities to realize shared goals.

**Innovation:** By embracing change and learning, we cultivate resilient, empowered teams that generate impactful results.

Love for Montana: We celebrate and serve Montanans. We embody and embrace respect, self-reliance, independence, industry and authenticity and represent the Montana way of life in our work.

# 2027 Biennium Goals

- 1. Continue to create more high-paying jobs.
- Improve customer service, accountability and efficiency.
- 3. Bring the State of Montana's technology into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Business Units	Business Focus
Brand MT	Montana tourism marketing, tourism support, film production promotion and assistance
Housing MT	Supporting access to safe, affordable and sustainable homes for Montanans whose housing needs are not met by the market through Federal and State funded programs
Business MT	Business growth and development of Montana-based companies, including export, Indian Country, plus technical assistance through SBDC and staff
Community MT	Supports development of safe, efficient, and quality public facilities through planning, technical assistance and grants for water/sewer, streets, bridges, historic properties

Divisions	Business Focus
ARPA Housing	ARPA funded housing programs to support those who have experienced financial hardships directly, indirectly, or during the COVID-19 pandemic and are at risk of housing instability
Director's Office – including Business Attraction and International Trade Office	Provides agency and attached board leadership and support services, including expertise for Legal, HR, Information + Research, Finance, IT, Communications and Marketing Business Recruitment for businesses looking to relocate or expand to Montana Management of Japan and Taiwan trade offices and international relations for the executive branch

#### **Attached Boards and Commissions**

#### **Board of Horse Racing**

Ensure the integrity of the state's horse racing industry, both live and simulcast, through customer-oriented regulation and monitoring of compliance with the Montana State Board of Horse Racing Laws and Rules.

#### **Board of Housing**

Support the development of safe, accessible and affordable homes for individuals and families in Montana, by issuing taxexempt bonds, allocating federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and administering federal housing programs.

# **Montana Facility Finance Authority**

Provide not-for-profit health care providers with access to low-cost capital, tax-exempt bond financing, low-interest loans and limited planning grants for value-added manufacturers with projects of less than \$10 million, C-PACE programs.

#### **Coal Board**

Assist local governmental units providing public services impacted by decline/growth of largescale coal mining and coalenergy complexes by grants to counties, communities, school districts, tribal governments or other government units.

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# **Tourism Advisory Council**

Oversees funds sent to regional nonprofit tourism entities/ CVBs for tourism promotion, direct the university system regarding Montana travel research; advises Commerce, modifies the established tourism regions as needed, advises governor on industry-related matters.

### Montana Heritage Commission

Preserves and manages historic resources in Virginia City, Nevada City and Reeder's Alley and promotes the appreciation of history through quality visitor experiences.

# State Tribal Economic Development Commission

Government-to-government relationship to expand economic opportunities for each of the eight tribal nations of Montana.

#### **Board of Investments**

Provide prudent investment management of state and local government funds.

#### **Attached Boards and Commissions**

# Montana-Ireland Trade Commission

Established to foster closer economic ties, promote business and academic exchanges, encourage joint action on shared priorities and support mutual investment in trade, infrastructure and development.

# **Small Business Development Advisory Council**

Acts in an advisory capacity by furnishing advice, gathering information, making recommendations to leverage support for the SBDC Network, and to provide advice to the SBDC State Director.

#### **Hard Rock Mining Impact Board**

Administers the Hard Rock Mining Impact Act and the companion Property Tax Base Sharing Act to mitigate local government services, facility and fiscal impacts from new large-scale hard rock mineral developments.

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