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**What do I do**

- Coordinate for the Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center
- Manage Resilient Food System Infrastructure (RFSI) program
What is the RFBC

• The Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center:
  • USDA-AMS funded 6-state center managed by CSU and OSU
    • Colorado
    • Idaho
    • Montana
    • Oregon
    • Washington
    • Wyoming
  • Four region-wide high-priority areas called for by USDA
Coordination

We want to be able to give Montanans access to all the resources throughout the region by leveraging partnerships.

If you have a product you want developed or need some kind of education we can work to find that in the region.
Capacity building

There will be several rounds of Business Builder grants

Grants will build off farm capacity to expand markets

Looking at markets and understanding barriers
Technical assistance programs

Building a strong focus on meeting businesses where they are at

Not everything is a grant or funding

Trying to build on people’s knowledge to support success
Business Enhancement Program

If the thing stopping you from expanding your business is some kind of technical knowledge we want to provide that

Visit an FADC
Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program

Investing in the middle of the supply chain

Building sustainability
Forthcoming

RFBC Business Builder Grants
RFSI Equipment only grants

All focused on middle of the supply chain
Other Things to Take a Look at

Rural Development programs currently posted

Value Added Producer Grant

• The Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.

REAP

• Provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.

Reach out to a Food and Agriculture Development Center for support
Links

- https://nwrockymountainregionalfoodbusiness.com/
- https://agr.mt.gov/RFSI
- https://agr.mt.gov/Food-and-Ag-Development-Centers
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