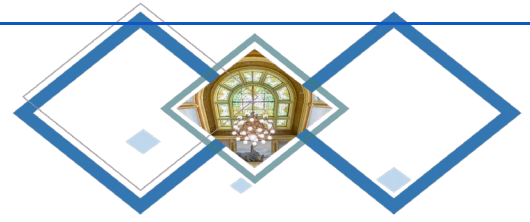


For November 7, 2019

Economic Affairs Interim Committee  
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# OVERVIEW GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Chief Business Development Officer/Office head:** Ken Fichtler (appointed by governor with Senate approval)

## Office Description/Responsibilities

- Targets business retention and recruitment, workforce development, technology development, infrastructure improvement, and permitting/regulatory processes.
- May contract with or employ policy specialists to carry out program goals or assist business development officer.
- May accept loans, grants, or gifts for stated purposes.
- Works to strengthen base for state's business environment and diversity and to expand existing economic endeavors.
- Serves (or appoints someone in office to serve) on the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission.

### Business Development Officer Duties

- Helps provide, along with the office, a vision and direction through the development of strategies and initiatives to ensure orderly, effective development of the state's economy.
- Advises the governor on policy issues related to economic development.
- Leads the state's business recruitment, retention, and expansion efforts.
- Coordinates the development and distribution of a statewide strategic development plan.
- Coordinates office functions/programs.
- Serves as the state's primary liaison with federal, state, and local agencies, Montana tribal governments, private, nonprofit economic development organizations, and the private sector.

## Funding

### GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BIENNIUM BUDGET FOR FY 2020 AND FY 2021\*

	FTE	House Bill 2 for FY2020			House Bill 2 for FY2021			Total: All Sources
		General Fund	State Special Revenue	Federal Special Revenue	General Fund	State Special Revenue	Federal Special Revenue	for FY21 Biennium
FY 2021 Biennium Total	3.5	\$710,361	--	--	\$715,940	--	--	\$1,426,301

\*As provided by the Governor's Office of Economic Development

## Legislative Audits

- Performance Audit, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, December 2004.

### Recent Reports

- \* Interim [Report](#)
- \* 2019 Economic Development [Report](#)

### EAIC Concerns

- \* Broadband Expansion

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