#### PARTNERS

We are the fiscal agent for the following organizations: Payette River Basin Water Trails Payette River National Scenic Byway

We work closely with Valley County, Cascade, Donnelly, McCall, Meadows Valley a well as these partners:















#### CONTRIBUTE

None of what we do is possible without the support of our community. We rely on people like you to implement these programs and make resources available to businesses of all sizes and from all industries.

PLEASE DONATE TODAY BY VISITING: WCMEDC.org/donate

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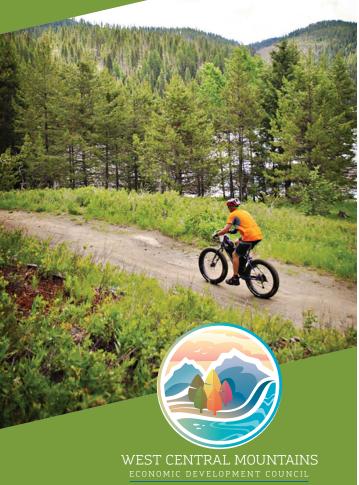
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## West Central Mountains Economic Development Council

FULFILLING OUR COMMITMENT TO A DYNAMIC, SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL ECONOMY.



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#### UNITED WE THRIVE!

Since 2012, the West Central Mountains Economic Development Council (WCMEDC)

has played a vital role in bringing together people and organizations from throughout the region. With the central mission of creating opportunities, opening communication channels and fortifying common understandings about the challenges and strengths of our communities, we have realized that many of our values are shared; and a regional approach to problem solving is beneficial.

# OUR 4 AREAS OF IMPACT:

Jobs Education Infrastructure/Assets Prosperity

#### **OUR SERVICES**

We are the conduit between the Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Department of Labor, Small Business Administration (SBA) and many other resources throughout the region and state. If a business is growing or

> changing, we encourage them to talk to us early in the process. We can assist with:

- Business planning
- Registered apprenticeship opportunities
- Tax incentives
- Business training workshops
- Policy advisement
- Project strategic planning
- B2B networking
- Education resources
- And much more!

New businesses can benefit from WCMEDC as well. We are happy to review business plans, plug entrepreneurs into local, state and national resources, and help them to identify what their options are for financing.

Last but not least, we assist with grant writing and advocacy for community projects as resources allow.

### OUR PROGRAMS.

We are in the process of implementing several crucial programs in the West Central Mountains. Business training workshops through the Small Business Development Center and SBA are available for everything from soft skills trainings to search engine optimization. An on-line education portal is in the works that will make higher education accessible through local libraries.

We are also coordinating an apprenticeship program with the Idaho Department of Labor that would give employers and employees the opportunity to register their training processes to become federally certified, with over 1,000 different options.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The West Central Mountains has higher than average unemployment, yet there are historically hundreds of positions available, year-round? This suggests a skills gap, seasonal underemployment gap and education gap. Housing, wages and education are our biggest challenges and all are regional issues.