Supporting sustainable agriculture, local food, renewable energy, conservation & healthy communities since 1974.

Through community-engagement, network weaving, skill-building education and advocacy in the sustainable ag/renewable energy/resilient food system sphere, and by creating spaces in which future food system leaders and inspired community models flourish, AERO promotes communities building a more livable and sustainable Montana for all.

339
Members in 2020

27
2020 Business Partners

43%
Budget Supported by Members & Donors

2020 Programs Focus

Food Systems

- Cottage Foods Education
- 21 Week Racial Equity in the Food System Challenge
- Jane Kile Scholarship
- MT Food Providers Project (MFPP)

Montana Food Economy Initiative is providing funding and mentorship support to 12 community-led solutions for building more resilient local food systems across MT.

As of December, with its partners, MFPP has distributed:

- 7,175+ pounds of organic wheat flour & grains
- 208 bottles of organic safflower oil
- 968+ summer produce bags
- 1,100+ pounds of grass-fed beef
- 2,925+ pounds of organic lentils
- 790 pounds of pastured goat
- 40 pounds of goat cheese
• Grow MT Food Policy Coalition
• MT Food Matters: The Food System Story Collaborative

Oral History Project on AERO’s 45 years of impact. Archived 12 interviews with founding and early members, staff, and partners on the MT Memory Project (mtmemory.org)

Abundant Montana Directory upgraded to enhance and expand functioning as a state wide hub for local food access.

EXPO 2020 was AERO’s first entirely virtual Expo.

Outcomes achieved: engagement, new ideas, collaborations and connections

2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income Sources
- Memberships $28,983
- Program Grants $88,224
- Sponsorships/Support $9,542
- License Plates $5,800
- Contributions $55,734

Total Expenses
- Admin $16,752
- Fundraising $20,940
- Programs $171,713

Program Grants 15%
Sponsorships/Support 30%
Contributions 5%
Memberships (75% sustaining) 3%

Admin 8%
Programs 82%
Fundraising 10%

PROGRAM EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

INCOME

EXPENSES