

Rural Recharged: New Energy, New Possibilities

A cross-sector exchange on rural economic development to propel understanding, practice, policy, and progress in and for Rural America.



Monday June 23, 2025

12:00 - 6:00PM

Registration &
Local Exploration

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Opening Reception

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

8:00 - 9:30AM

Breakfast & Spark Talks

10:00 AM- 5:30 PM

Immersive Experiences

6:00 - 8:00PM

Dinner & Rural Unplugged

8:30 - 9:30PM

Continued Conversations
(optional)

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

8:00 - 9:30AM

Breakfast & Spark Talks

10:00 AM- 5:30 PM

Immersive Experiences

6:00 - 8:00PM

Dinner & Rural Unplugged

8:00 - 10:00PM

Downtown Great Falls Street
Festival (optional)

Immersive Experience Offerings

*Immersive Experiences (all and half day) will be offered both Tuesday and Wednesday.
Half Day Experiences will be available in the mornings and afternoons.*

All Day (Bus)

- 1. Small-Town Startups with Global Spark**
(Conrad, MT)
- 2. Trails, Tales & Tourism That Transforms**
(Choteau, MT)
- 3. Housing the Boom in a Town Discovered**
(White Sulphur Springs, MT)
- 4. Hemp, History & Hometown Growth**
(Fort Benton, MT)
- 5. Rail, Real Estate & the Rise of Innovation Hubs**
(Cut Bank, MT)

Half Day

- 1. Building Homes, Health & Hope**
(Housing and MedTech Bus Tour)
- 2. Clean Energy That Powers the Planet**
(Energy Bus Tour)
- 3. From Field to Fortune - Agriculture That Scales**
(Agriculture Processing Bus Tour)
- 4. Breathing Life into Main Street**
(Downtown Great Falls Walking Tour)
- 5. Riverfront Revival on the Missouri**
(West Bank Landing Walking Tour)
- 6. Reimagining Space, Reclaiming Identity**
(Downtown Great Falls Walking Tour)

