

Funding

The following table shows proposed agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total Montana Historical Society Funding by Source of Authority 2027 Biennium Budget Request						
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	4,977,902	50,000			5,027,902	23.8%
02853 Accommodation Tax	5,332,052				5,332,052	25.3%
02850 Montana Heritage Center Operat	4,565,098				4,565,098	21.6%
02123 Sites & Signs				1,798,099	1,798,099	8.5%
02041 MHS Membership				258,878	258,878	1.2%
02045 Original Governor's Mansion				5,772	5,772	0.0%
Other State Special Revenue	3,458			2,200	5,658	0.0%
State Special Revenue Total	9,900,608	-	-	2,064,949	11,965,557	56.7%
03021 Historic Sites Preservation	2,029,041				2,029,041	9.6%
Federal Special Revenue Total	2,029,041	-	-	-	2,029,041	9.6%
06002 MHS Publications Enterprise	759,681				759,681	3.6%
06071 Merchandise - Historical Soc	669,460				669,460	3.2%
06013 SHPO ENTERPRISE FUND	449,130				449,130	2.1%
06073 Historical Society Management	77,356				77,356	0.4%
06022 MHS Education Enterprise Funds	53,960				53,960	0.3%
Other Proprietary Fund	76,598				76,598	0.4%
Proprietary Fund Total	2,086,185	-	-	-	2,086,185	9.9%
Total of All Funds	18,993,736	50,000	-	2,064,949	21,108,685	
Percent of All Sources of Authority	90.0%	0.2%	0.0%	9.8%		

HB 2 Appropriations

General Fund

Approximately \$4.9 million, or 26.2%, of HB 2 ongoing appropriations proposed by the executive for the FY 2027 biennium are funded with state general fund. General fund appropriations are distributed to each program except the State Historic Preservation Office Program.

State Special Revenue Funds

The Montana Historical Society receives revenues from the lodging facility use tax (15-65-121, MCA). After the general fund, DOR Tax Administration, and Heritage Preservation Society receive their portions of the lodging facility use tax, 2.6% of the remainder is distributed the MTHS Historical Interpretation account and 1.0% is distributed to the agency for the Sites and Signs account. Funds deposited in the historical interpretation account must be used to pay costs associated with historical interpretation and the Robert Scriver collection.

Before December 31, 2024, a 20.0% portion of the revenue collected on the sale or use of accommodations and campgrounds was deposited into an account for the construction of the Montana Heritage Center. This account no longer receives deposits. Beginning in January 2025 the distribution of accommodations taxes changed, and the Montana Heritage Center Operations Account now receives a 6.0% portion of the revenue collected on the sale or use of accommodations and campgrounds (15-68-102, MCA). This money may only be used for expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the Montana Heritage Center.