

Long-Range Planning Presentation – Senate

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HB 12 – Montana Heritage Preservation Grant Program

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Program Description: The Montana Historic Preservation Grant (MHPG) Program, administered by the Department of Commerce (DOC) and codified in Section 22-3-1305 MCA, provides competitive grants for public or private entities for the preservation of historic sites, historical societies, or history museums in the state.

MHPG project grants are available on a competitive basis through statutory criteria established in Section 22-3- 1306, MCA. The statutory criteria include the following:

1. Support of economic activity or stimulus
2. Purpose and need of proposed project
3. Project timeline and matching funds
4. State historic or heritage value
5. Experience and capacity to complete proposed project
6. Ongoing and future state economic benefit
7. The degree of local contribution
8. The anticipated public benefit

Funding:

The historic preservation grants fund is used to fund MHPG projects authorized by the legislature. The account receives revenues as established in 15-68-820, MCA, from the accommodations sales tax. The account will receive 6% per 22-3-1307, MCA for historic preservation grants. Revenues are anticipated to be \$7.9 million for the 2027 biennium.

The 2027 biennium is expected to begin with a negative fund balance of (\$2.8 million).

Executive Proposal:

The MHPG program received 74 grant applications requesting \$25.8 million in funds. The DOC determined that 63 grant applications were eligible for funding, including 53 historic sites and 10 history museums, for a total of approximately \$23.0 million. The executive budget recommends 17 projects to be funded for a total of \$6.2 million, including 14 historic sites and 3 history museums (2 of the history museums are also historic sites).

Changes adopted by the Senate Finance and Claims Committee:

- Appropriation increased to \$5,918,092
- Restores funding for 8 projects. See attached table for full list of changes.

Montana Historic Preservation Grants - 2027 Biennium					
Fund 02217					
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected	FY 2027 Projected	2027 Biennium Projected
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 5,421,966	\$ 5,345,241	\$ (2,402,027)	\$ (1,512,453)	\$ (2,402,027)
Revenue Projections ¹					
Accommodation Sales Tax	\$ 2,974,585	\$ 3,425,443	\$ 3,848,620	\$ 4,006,418	\$ 7,855,038
Expenditures					
Prior Biennium	\$ 567,028	\$ 2,288,943			\$ -
2027 Biennium Grants ²	\$ 2,484,276	\$ 8,883,768	\$ 2,959,046	\$ 2,959,046	\$ 5,918,092
Fund Balance Adjustment	\$ 7	\$ -			\$ -
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$ 3,051,310	\$ 11,172,711	\$ 2,959,046	\$ 2,959,046	\$ 5,918,092
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 5,345,241	\$ (2,402,027)	\$ (1,512,453)	\$ (465,081)	\$ (465,081)

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² Approx \$1.18 million expected to revert at end of year because of projects that met start-up conditions but decided to withdraw, which is still included at this time.

**Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program (MHPG)
HB 12 - 2027 Biennium**

Rank	Applicant	Project/Project Description	County	Project Type	Total Project Cost	Requested Amount Proposed	Cummulative Total	AMEND 12.3.4	Cummulative AMEND
1	Carter County Geological Society	Carter County Museum	Carter	History Museum	\$ 1,500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2	Lincoln County	Yaak Community Hall	Lincoln	Historic Site	\$ 210,000	\$168,000	\$668,000	\$168,000	\$468,000
2	Missoula Local Government Building Special District	John Engen Building	Missoula	Historic Site	\$ 623,800	\$498,800	\$1,166,800	\$350,000	\$818,000
4	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	Cascade	Historic Site	-\$ 445,472	\$356,377	\$1,523,177	\$0	\$818,000
5	Lincoln School Foundation	Lincoln School	Park	Historic Site	\$ 633,591	\$364,980	\$1,888,157	\$300,000	\$1,118,000
6	Moleo Media Group, LLC	KPRK Building	Gallatin	Historic Site	\$ 784,503	\$500,000	\$2,388,157	\$250,000	\$1,368,000
7	Lavina Public Schools	Historic Lavina School	Golden Valley	Historic Site	\$ 497,660	\$398,128	\$2,786,285	\$250,000	\$1,618,000
8	Copper Village Museum and Arts Center	Copper Village Museum and Arts Center	Anaconda-Deer Lodge	History Museum / Historic Site	-\$ 291,250	\$233,000	\$3,019,285	\$0	\$1,618,000
8	Metagabbro LLC	Red Lodge Pea Cannery and Brewery Building	Carbon	Historic Site	\$ 1,301,406	\$500,000	\$3,519,285	\$50,000	\$1,668,000
8	Yellowstone Art Museum	Yellowstone Art Museum Main Building	Yellowstone	History Museum	\$ 410,000	\$328,000	\$3,847,285	\$210,000	\$1,878,000
11	Fountain Terrace Condominiums, Inc	Fountain Terrace Condominiums	Fergus	Historic Site	-\$ 750,100	\$500,000	\$4,347,285	\$0	\$1,878,000
11	Madison County	Octagonal Pavilion	Madison	Historic Site	\$ 1,392,645	\$500,000	\$4,847,285	\$200,000	\$2,078,000
13	Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula	St. Michael's Church	Missoula	History Museum / Historic Site	\$ 143,115	\$114,492	\$4,961,777	\$114,492	\$2,192,492
13	Hamilton, City of	Historic Hamilton Town Hall	Ravalli	Historic Site	\$ 382,009	\$305,607	\$5,267,384	\$150,000	\$2,342,492

15	Peace Valley Partnership, LLC	Boulder Hot Springs Bathhouse	Jefferson	Historic Site	-\$ 600,000	\$500,000	\$5,767,384	\$0	\$2,342,492
16	Northern Rockies Heritage Center	Building 27	Missoula	Historic Site	-\$ 373,989	\$300,791	\$6,068,175	\$0	\$2,342,492
16	Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation, Inc.	W.A. Clark Jr. Prison Theater at the Old Montana Prison in Deer Lodge	Powell	History Museum / Historic Site	-\$ 201,500	\$161,200	\$6,229,375	\$0	\$2,342,492
Funding Line									
18	Little Big Horn College	Apsaalooke Center for Culture and History	Big Horn	History Museum	\$ 625,000	\$500,000	\$6,729,375	\$250,000	\$2,592,492
19	Hill County	Hill County Courthouse	Hill	Historic Site	\$ 2,250,000	\$500,000	\$7,229,375	\$350,000	\$2,942,492
20	Friends of Historic Hotel Libby	Historic Hotel Libby	Lincoln	Historic Site	-\$ 743,361	\$500,000	\$7,729,375	\$0	\$2,942,492
20	Madison County	Thompson Hickman Memorial Building	Madison	Historic Site	-\$ 857,000	\$500,000	\$8,229,375	\$0	\$2,942,492
20	Shelby, City of	Historic Shelby High	Foote	Historic Site	-\$ 8,378,363	\$500,000	\$8,729,375	\$0	\$2,942,492
23	Dawson County	Glendive Public Library	Dawson	Historic Site	-\$ 153,511	\$79,011	\$8,808,386	\$0	\$2,942,492
23	Sandstone Preservation Community	Sandstone and Cobblestone Schools Complex	Stillwater	Historic Site	\$ 655,000	\$500,000	\$9,308,386	\$150,000	\$3,092,492
25	Mathson Design, LLC	The Recording Center	Missoula	Historic Site	\$ 74,660	\$50,000	\$9,358,386	\$24,600	\$3,117,092
26	Jefferson County	State School for the Deaf and Blind "Cottage 5"/Jefferson County Health Department	Jefferson	Historic Site	-\$ 3,000,000	\$500,000	\$9,858,386	\$0	\$3,117,092
26	Treasure County 89ers, Inc.	Yucca Theatre	Treasure	History Museum	\$ 174,000	\$145,000	\$10,003,386	\$145,000	\$3,262,092
26	St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral of Helena	St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral	Lewis & Clark	Historic Site	-\$ 520,000	\$250,000	\$10,253,386	\$0	\$3,262,092
29	Anaconda-Deer Lodge County	Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Courthouse	Anaconda-Deer Lodge	Historic Site	\$ 550,000	\$400,000	\$10,653,386	\$200,000	\$3,462,092
29	National Affordable Housing Network	Phoenix Building	Butte Silver Bow	Historic Site	-\$ 2,600,000	\$500,000	\$11,153,386	\$0	\$3,462,092

31	Community Thrift LLC	Kalispell Community Thrift/Scandinavian Methodist Church	Flathead	Historic Site	\$ 288,500	\$240,000	\$11,393,386	\$50,000	\$3,512,092
32	Granite County Musuem & Cultural Center	Granite County Museum & Cultural Center	Granite	History Museum / Historic Site	\$ 1,304,000	\$500,000	\$11,893,386	\$0	\$3,512,092
32	Kalispell, City of	Kalispell Train Depot Building	Flathead	Historic Site	\$ 357,922	\$286,337	\$12,179,723	\$150,000	\$3,662,092
34	MSTB, LLC	Mountain States Telephone Building	Custer	Historic Site	\$ 1,230,000	\$500,000	\$12,679,723	\$150,000	\$3,812,092
35	Miles City Convent Keepers	Miles City Convent Keepers Community Center	Custer	Historic Site	-\$ 542,783	\$434,226	\$13,113,949	\$0	\$3,812,092
36	Blarney Ranch, LLC	Fortin Ranch House	Lincoln	Historic Site	-\$ 600,000	\$500,000	\$13,613,949	\$0	\$3,812,092
35	Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc. on behalf of S-Team LLC	Butte Steam Plant Event Center	Butte-Silver Bow	Historic Site	\$ 769,000	\$500,000	\$14,113,949	\$200,000	\$4,012,092
36	Livingston Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 246	Livingston Elks Lodge	Park	Historic Site	-\$ 5,224,863	\$500,000	\$14,613,949	\$0	\$4,012,092
39	Native American Development Corporation	Shrine Auditorium	Yellowstone	Historic Site	\$ 3,300,000	\$500,000	\$15,113,949	\$350,000	\$4,362,092
39	Seeley Lake Historical Society	Maclean Icehouse	Missoula	Historic Site	-\$ 28,000	\$10,000	\$15,123,949	\$0	\$4,362,092
41	Friends of the Historic Adams Hotel	Adams Hotel	Golden Valley	Historic Site	-\$ 2,400,000	\$200,000	\$15,323,949	\$0	\$4,362,092
42	Lewis & Clark County	Lewis & Clark County Courthouse	Lewis & Clark	Historic Site	\$ 995,853	\$500,000	\$15,823,949	\$300,000	\$4,662,092
42	World Museum of Mining	St. Patrick's Mission	Butte-Silver Bow	History Museum / Historic Site	\$ 210,000	\$173,040	\$15,996,989	\$155,000	\$4,817,092
44	Anaconda Restoration Association	The Montana Hotel	Anaconda-Deer Lodge	Historic Site	\$ 142,724	\$100,746	\$16,097,735	\$51,000	\$4,868,092
45	Pi House Corporation of Delta Gamma	Pi Chapter Delta Gamma House	Missoula	Historic Site	-\$ 300,000	\$240,000	\$16,337,735	\$0	\$4,868,092

46	Montana Building Condominium Association (MBCA)	The Montana Building	Missoula	Historic Site	-\$ 602,400	\$481,920	\$16,819,655	\$0	\$4,868,092
47	Urban Renwal Associates, LLC	Penwell Building	Missoula	History Museum	-\$ 1,353,913	\$500,000	\$17,319,655	\$0	\$4,868,092
48	Anaconda Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge 239	Anaconda Elks Club	Anaconda- Deer Lodge	Historic Site	\$ 459,000	\$429,000	\$17,748,655	\$250,000	\$5,118,092
49	Sidney Yellowstone Merc, LLC	Yellowstone Pere	Richland	Historic Site	-\$ 890,000	\$500,000	\$18,248,655	\$0	\$5,118,092
50	West Valley Property, LLC	Superior Schoolhouse	Missoula	Historic Site	-\$ 1,295,000	\$500,000	\$18,748,655	\$0	\$5,118,092
51	Libby Lofts, LLC	Historic Libby High School/Libby Lofts	Lincoln	Historic Site	-\$ 709,000	\$500,000	\$19,248,655	\$0	\$5,118,092
52	333 Skyline LLC	Historic Montgomery Ward Building	Flathead	Historic Site	-\$ 2,200,000	\$500,000	\$19,748,655	\$0	\$5,118,092
53	Billings Depot, Inc.	Billings Depot Caboose	Yellowstone	Historic Site	\$ 295,000	\$236,000	\$19,984,655	\$150,000	\$5,268,092
53	West Yellowstone, Town of	Union Pacific Dining Lodge	Gallatin	Historic Site	\$ 1,130,000	\$500,000	\$20,484,655	\$300,000	\$5,568,092
55	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery, Inc.	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery	Prairie	History Museum / Historic Site	\$ 89,011	\$72,478	\$20,557,133	\$50,000	\$5,618,092
56	Downtowner Group, LLC	Downtowner Building	Gallatin	Historic Site	-\$ 342,000	\$273,000	\$20,830,133	\$0	\$5,618,092
57	Basin, Inc.	The Red Barn at Hagerman Ranch	Sweet Grass	Historic Site	-\$ 286,000	\$228,800	\$21,058,933	\$0	\$5,618,092
58	Golden Triangle Development, LLC	Project 400	Pondera	Historic Site	-\$ 472,709	\$378,167	\$21,437,100	\$0	\$5,618,092
59	Villa Theatre Foundation	Villa Theatre	Phillips	Historic Site	\$ 600,000	\$500,000	\$21,937,100	\$100,000	\$5,718,092
60	Brooks Adventures, LLC DBA RB Drive In	RB Drive In	Lewis & Clark	Historic Site	-\$ 136,294	\$109,035	\$22,046,135	\$0	\$5,718,092
61	Homeward, Inc.	Lenox Flats, LLC	Missoula	Historic Site	-\$ 235,630	\$188,330	\$22,234,465	\$0	\$5,718,092
61	Yellowstone Gateway Museum Foundation	Yellowstone Gateway Museum of Park County	Park	History Museum	\$ 604,620	\$499,620	\$22,734,085	\$200,000	\$5,918,092
63	Lonesome Prairie Properties, LLC	Main Street Building	Wheatland	Historic Site	-\$ 290,000	\$232,000	\$22,966,085	\$0	\$5,918,092

	Total	\$				
	MHPG	60,806,157	\$22,966,085	\$22,966,085	\$5,918,092	
	Funding		\$6,229,375		\$4,852,600	
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