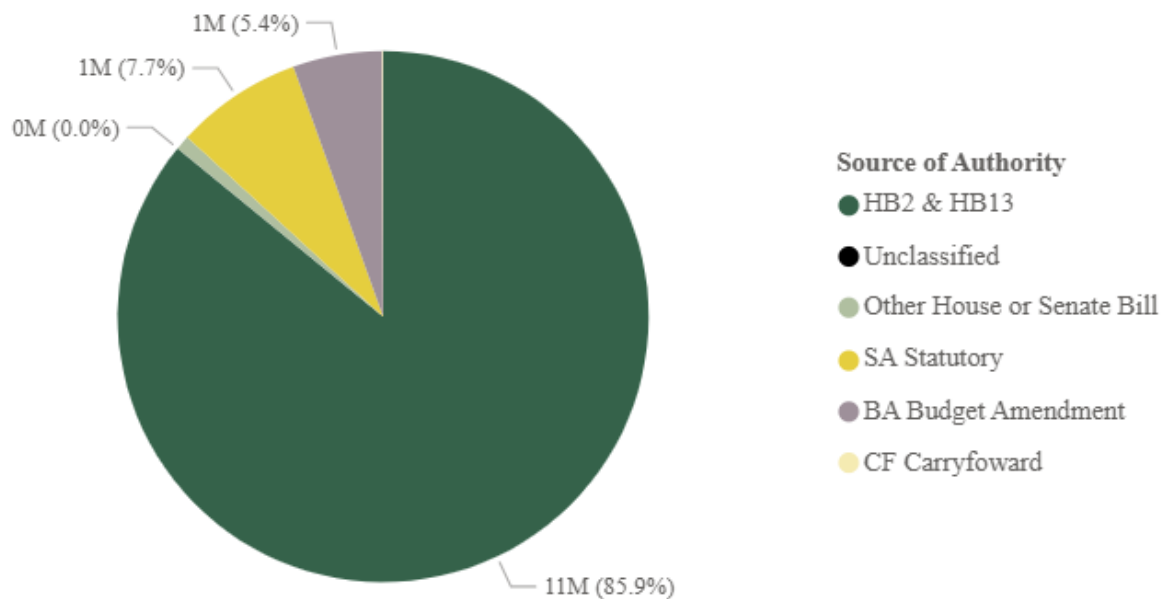


MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The total appropriation authority for the Montana Historical Society is shown in the pie chart below. HB 2 and HB 13 provide 85.9% of the total authority for this agency. All types of appropriation authority for this agency are described below, including total budget and the percent expended by source of authority.

Total Modified Budget by Source of Authority



Source of Authority	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended	
HB2 & HB13	11,494,529	3,790,023	33.0%	
BA Budget Amendment	727,717	121,321	16.7%	
CF Carryforward	6,299			
Other House or Senate Bill	117,557	18,684	15.9%	
SA Statutory	1,031,313	199,580	19.4%	
Unclassified	620			
Total	13,378,035	4,129,609	30.9%	

Statutory Appropriations

Statutory appropriations in the Montana Historical Society total approximately \$1.0 million in FY 2026, which amounts to 7.7% of the total appropriation authority. Statutory appropriation authority includes the following state special revenue funds:

- Sites and signs state special revenue fund: \$899,000, which is 16.0% expended
- Montana Historical Society membership state special revenue fund: \$129,000, which is 41.7% expended.
- Original Governor's Mansion state special revenue fund: \$3,000, which was is 56.0% expended

Budget Amendments

The Montana Historical Society has approximately \$728,000 in budget amendment authority as of the end of November 2025. Significant budget amendments include:

- Continuing authority for a historic preservation grant in the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Program of approximately \$498,000 for the preservation of the Union Bethel AME historic site in Great Falls on the Historical National Registry. These funds are 0.0% expended as of the end of November 2025
- A budget amendment authorizing the expenditure of enterprise funds in the Outreach and Education Program to fund 1.40 existing modified positions for Fiscal Year 2026. This is a recurring amendment that establishes authority to pay staff out of the State Historic Preservation Office Cultural Resources Database enterprise fund
- A budget amendment authorizing the expenditure of enterprise funds in the SHPO Program for expenses related to the annual History Conference and remaining operating costs to the end of the fiscal year. \$100,000 of operating expense funds were authorized, and \$73,000, or 73.2% of the funds have been expended as of the end of November 2025

Several federal grants from previous years provide additional continuing authority in FY 2026.

Other Bills

The Montana Historical Society has approximately \$118,000 of appropriation authority in other bills in FY 2026. \$88,000 of general fund authority continued forward from HB 377 (2023 Legislature) which established the Montana 250th Commission to celebrate the United States Semiquincentennial. Of this, \$12,000 has been expended as of November 30, 2025. \$30,000 was also appropriated in HB 9 (2025 Legislature) for the care and conservation of state capitol complex artwork, of which \$6,300 or 20.9% has been expended. As of the end of November 2025, approximately \$19,000 or 15.9% of authority from other bills has been expended.

Unclassified

The Montana Historical Society has unclassified appropriation authority of \$620 because of lower workers' compensation premiums. Per 39-71-403(1)(b)(iv), MCA, when workers' compensation premiums are lower than the previous year, state agencies shall reduce personal services appropriations by the amount of the premium reduction. The reductions are included in the accounting system as unclassified authority that will not be spent by the agency.

HB 2 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

The following chart shows the HB 2 budget as passed by the legislature, including the pay plan, and the HB 2 modified budget from July 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025. Net modifications to the budget include operating plan changes from one expenditure account to another, program transfers, reorganizations, and agency transfers of authority. The **positive modifications** and **negative modifications** are shown by program, expenditure account, and fund type.

Agency Name	HB 2 Budget	Modified Budget	Net Modifications
Historical Society	11,495,149	11,494,529	-620
01 ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM	4,471,346	4,470,726	-620
02 LIBRARY & ARCHIVES	2,433,681	2,433,681	
03 MUSEUM PROGRAM	2,001,904	2,001,904	0
04 PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM	698,636	698,636	
05 OUTREACH & EDUCATION	771,903	771,903	
06 STATE HISTORIC PRESERV OFFICE	1,117,679	1,117,679	
Total	11,495,149	11,494,529	-620

Expenditure Type	HB 2 Budget	Modified Budget	Net Modifications
61000 Personal Services	6,627,318	6,626,698	-620
62000 Operating Expenses	3,947,911	3,931,556	-16,355
63000 Equipment & Intangible Assets	94,886	111,241	16,355
66000 Grants	587,120	587,120	
69000 Debt Service	237,914	237,914	
Total	11,495,149	11,494,529	-620

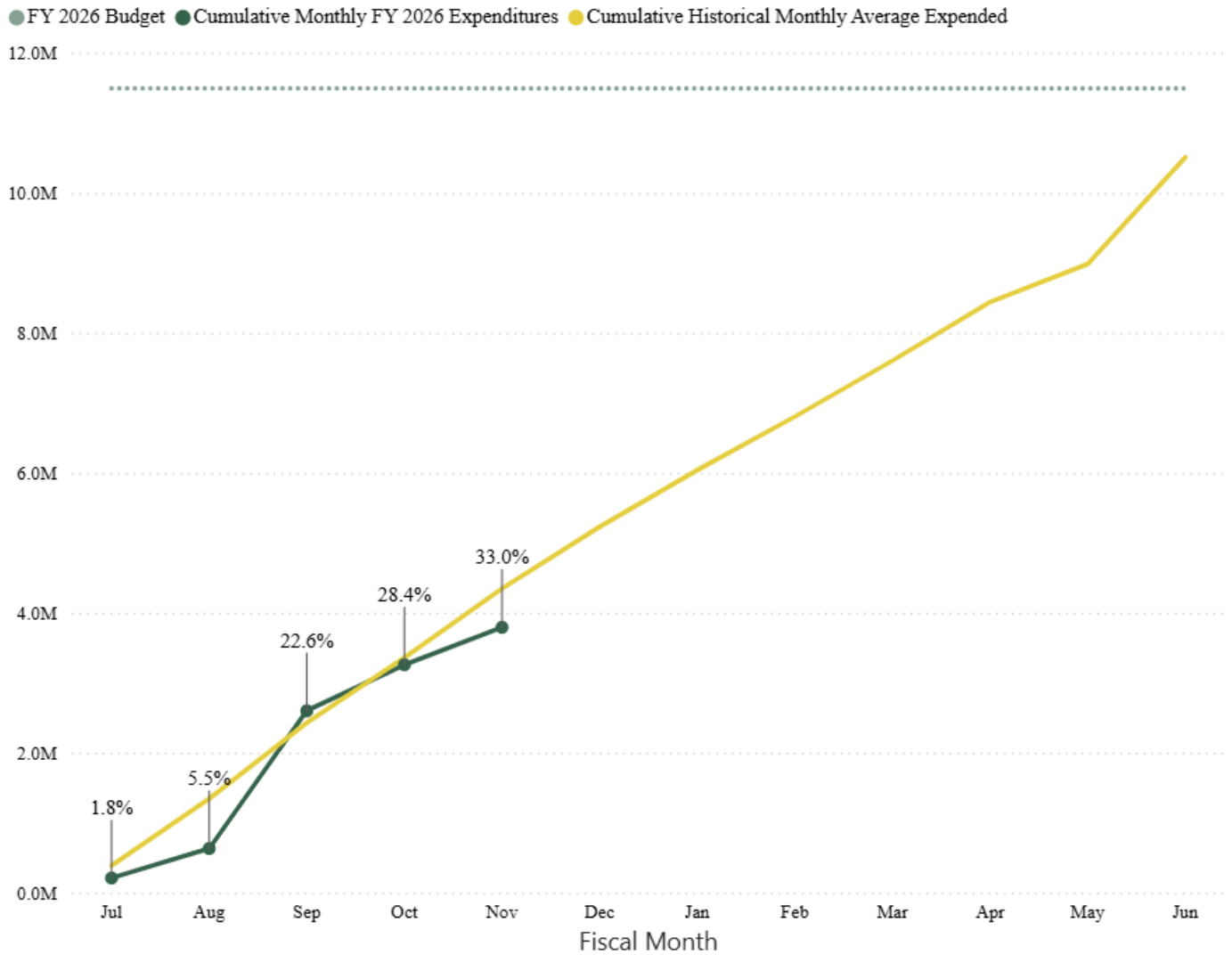
Fund Type	HB 2 Budget	Modified Budget	Net Modifications
01 General	3,092,965	3,092,614	-351
02 State/Other Spec Rev	6,316,301	6,316,136	-165
03 Fed/Other Spec Rev	1,034,928	1,034,841	-87
06 Enterprise	1,050,955	1,050,938	-17
Total	11,495,149	11,494,529	-620

Several changes have been made to the HB 2 modified budget as of November 30, 2025. An operating plan change moved approximately \$16,000 of operating expense authority to the equipment and intangible assets account within the Museum Program to correctly account for the purchase of a specialized lift that met criteria for capitalization. There was also a reduction of \$620 of personal services authority to establish “frozen” worker’s compensation premiums savings authority in the Administration Program.

HB 2 APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The following chart shows the appropriated budget for the agency compared to expenditures through November 30, 2025.

Monthly Expenditures Compared to Historical Average



Program Name	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
⊕ 01 ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM	4,470,726	1,090,233	24.4%
⊕ 02 LIBRARY & ARCHIVES	2,433,681	945,193	38.8%
⊕ 03 MUSEUM PROGRAM	2,001,904	829,210	41.4%
⊕ 04 PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM	698,636	279,197	40.0%
⊕ 05 OUTREACH & EDUCATION	771,903	296,652	38.4%
⊕ 06 STATE HISTORIC PRESERV OFFICE	1,117,679	349,539	31.3%
Total	11,494,529	3,790,023	33.0%

Expenditure Type	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
⊕ Personal Services	6,626,698	2,065,771	31.2%
⊕ Operating Expenses	3,931,556	1,523,193	38.7%
⊕ Equipment & Intangible Assets	111,241	16,355	14.7%
⊕ Grants	587,120	45,890	7.8%
⊕ Debt Service	237,914	138,814	58.3%
Total	11,494,529	3,790,023	33.0%

Fund Type	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
⊕ 01 General	3,092,614	989,107	32.0%
⊕ 02 State/Other Spec Rev	6,316,136	2,106,091	33.3%
⊕ 03 Fed/Other Spec Rev	1,034,841	345,916	33.4%
⊕ 06 Enterprise	1,050,938	348,909	33.2%
Total	11,494,529	3,790,023	33.0%

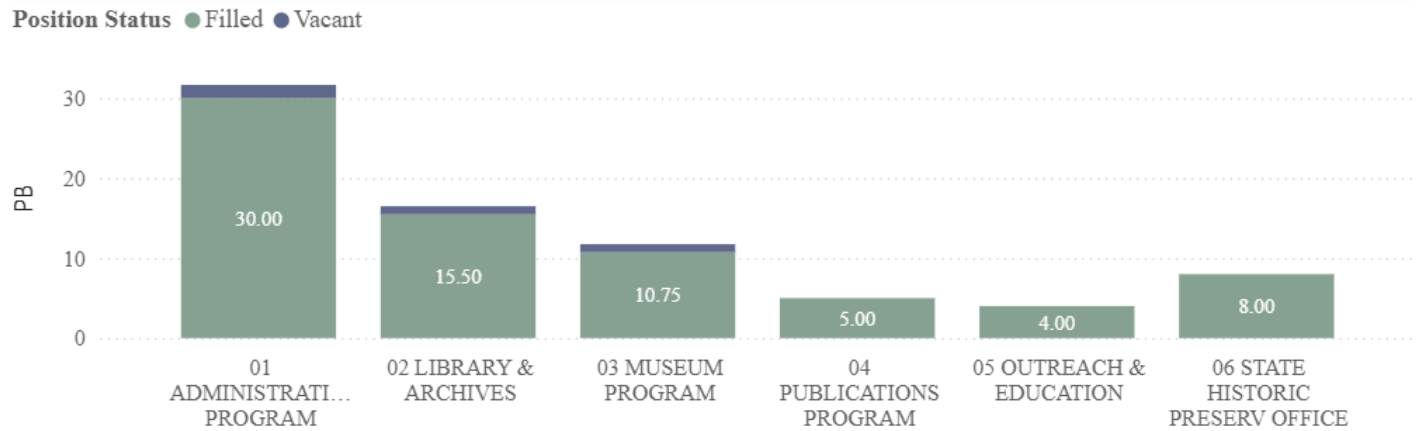
The Montana Historical Society expended 33.0% of its \$11.5 million HB 2 modified budget through November 30, 2025. This is slightly below the 5-year Olympic average of 37.8%.

There are low expenditures in grants, as 7.8% of grant authority has been expended. According to the agency, low grants at this point are due to the timing of grant activities. Their largest grant of \$498,000 for the preservation of the Union Bethel AME in Great Falls had not yet incurred any costs at the time of this expenditure snapshot; the first invoice was received during the second week of December. The agency anticipates that grant expenditures will increase throughout FY 2026.

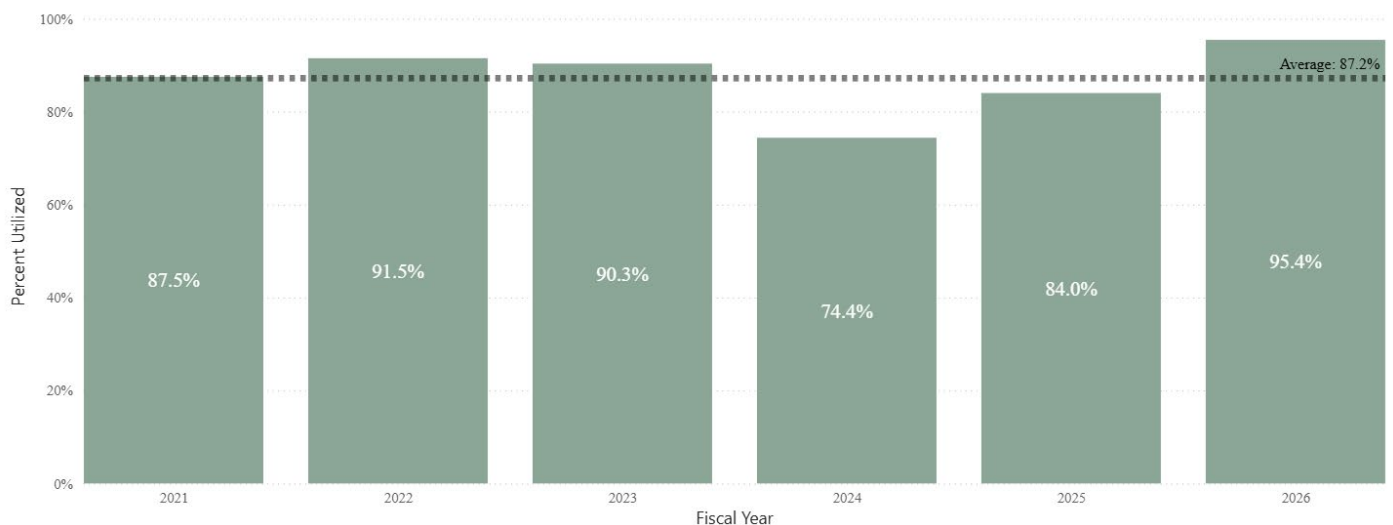
Low expenditures are also seen in the Sites and Signs state special revenue account. Most of this unspent authority is budgeted for transfers-out and is available to be allocated to other programs as appropriate. The agency has waited to finalize spending plans for these funds due to uncertainty of whether or not the State Historic Preservation Program will receive a renewal of the National Preservation Grant that funds the majority of the program.

Personal Services

Appropriations for personal services in the Montana Historical Society total \$6.6 million and are 31.2% expended through November 30, 2025. The following chart shows the filled and vacant positions budgeted (PB) within the agency as of November 1, 2025. At this point in time, the department had 76.93 HB 2 non-aggregate PB and 95.2% of these positions were filled.



The chart below shows the hourly utilization percentage for the Montana Historical Society for each fiscal year when compared to the available hours. Overall, the department has utilized 95.4% of the hours budgeted for FY 2026 as shown in the chart below. This is higher than their historical average, especially since in FY 2024 and FY 2025 the agency had received additional budget for positions, but was unable to hire all positions authorized as the Heritage Center was still under construction and they were building up to full capacity.



The chart below shows the vacant PB in each division, the number of months each position has been vacant and the midpoint hourly pay rate. Of the 5.13 PB that are vacant, none have been vacant for more than five months.

Vacant Positions Report

	PB	Median Months Vacant	Market Midpoint (Hourly)
⊖ 51170 HISTORICAL SOCIETY	5.13	1.84	20.30
⊖ 01 ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM	2.01	1.84	18.51
Accounting Technician 2	0.68	1.61	20.30
Computer Intern	0.33	4.03	
Security Guard 1	1.00	1.84	18.51
⊖ 02 LIBRARY & ARCHIVES	1.00	0.92	33.48
Photographer 2	1.00	0.92	33.48
⊖ 03 MUSEUM PROGRAM	1.00	1.84	26.89
Museum Archivist 2	1.00	1.84	26.89
⊖ 04 PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM	0.15	2.30	
⊖ 05 OUTREACH & EDUCATION	0.97	2.43	23.12
Program Officer 1	0.34	2.02	23.12
Tour Guide 1	0.63	2.43	13.91
Total	5.13	1.84	20.30