



WHERE TO FIND FUNDING FOR HISTORY AND PRESERVATION PROJECTS

State and Local Funders

1. Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Planning Grant: www.bstf.mt.gov
provides grants to assist with planning efforts to expand the economy or create jobs.
2. Montana History Foundation: www.mthistory.org
Offers grants for historic preservation, oral history, artifact conservation, document digitization, museum exhibits, and more.
3. MDU Resources Foundation: <http://www.mdu.com/integrity/foundation>
Grants for the support of arts and culture, education, health and community development.
4. MJ Murdock Charitable Trust: www.murdock-trust.org/
Performance and visual arts projects which enrich the cultural environment .
5. Montana Arts Council: http://art.mt.gov/orgs/orgs_ca.asp
Operations, capital, special projects, and endowment development categories for historic preservation activities.
6. Montana Community Foundation: www.mtcf.org
Funds fields of interest such as human services, affordable housing, public education, or the performing arts.
7. Montana Conservation Corps: mtcorps.org
Volunteers complete conservation projects in local communities, national forests, state and national parks, wildlife refuges and federally designated wilderness areas.
8. Montana Department of Commerce, Community Development Block Grants: <http://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/CDBG>
Housing and neighborhood renewal, public facilities, planning grants, and economic development projects.
9. Montana Department of Commerce, Tourism Grants Program: <http://tourism.mt.gov/MarketingDevelopment/TourismGrantProgram>
Construction costs associated with new or existing tourism and recreation attractions, historical sites and artifacts, and other heritage tourism projects.
10. Montana Department of Transportation, Community Transportation Enhancement Program: www.mdt.mt.gov/business/ctep
Pedestrian and bike trails, scenic easements, historic and archaeological sites, historic highway programs, and landscaping and community beautification projects.
11. Montana Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo>

Offers subgrants as available to Montana communities to support preservation efforts in accordance with federal grant programs.

12. Montana Main Street Program: <http://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/MainStreet>
Helps communities strengthen and preserve their historic downtown commercial districts by focusing on economic development, urban revitalization, and historic preservation through long-range planning, organization, design, and promotion.
13. Montana Memory Project, Montana State Library: www.montanamemory.org
Offers assistance with digital projects. Contact Jennifer Birnel
14. Montana Preservation Alliance: www.preservemontana.org
Assistance to communities and owners of historic properties.
15. Montana State University: www.msucommunityresources.org/grantopps.asp
Grant opportunities list of 'community-friendly' grants; i.e., those grants that organizations and special interest groups in small, underserved, struggling rural communities have a reasonable chance of competing for on a level playing field.
16. Northwestern Energy Charitable Giving Program:
https://app.trueimpact.com/app/proposal_submit.php?id=150
Education, health and human services, civic and community, culture and the arts, and resource conservation.
17. Steele Reese Foundation: <http://steele-reese.org>
Supports nonprofit organizations working in the areas of rural education; health; human/social services; the arts and humanities; and land, water, and wildlife conservation and historic preservation.
18. 3 Rivers Communications: www.3rivers.net/grants%20%2526%20sponsorships
Events that promote rural communities.
19. Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization, Inc.:
<http://www.buttecpr.org/services/grants.php>
Preservation of historic buildings in Butte.
20. Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation:
<http://www.dpwfoundation.org/grants/>
Funding for organizations that support education, health and human services, arts and culture, and community service.
21. The Foster Foundation: http://thefosterfoundation.org/Grants_Guide.asp
Supports programs including building/renovation, equipment, matching/challenge support, program development, research, scholarship funds, and seed money.
22. Humanities Montana: www.humanitiesmontana.org
Supports public programs in history, philosophy, literatures and languages, and other disciplines of the humanities.
23. Jerry Metcalf Foundation: www.jerrymetcalfmontana.org/grantguidelines.html
Funding for visual, performing, and literary arts, historical research and preservation, environmental research and conservation, and education and community health.
24. J.M. Kaplan Fund: www.jmkfund.org
Funding for efforts to inventory and protect North American industrial architecture.

25. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation: Community Partners
http://www.lowes.com/cd_The+Lowes+Charitable+and+Educational+Foundation_474741445
Supports public education and community improvement projects.

Federal Grant Makers

1. American Association of State and Local History: <http://www.aaslh.org>
National association that provides leadership and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all Americans.
2. <http://Grants.gov>
Source to find and apply for federal government grants.
3. Institute for Museum and Library Services: <http://www.imls.gov>
Provides funding for conservation assessments and projects to museums and libraries for arts education, dance, design, literature, local arts agencies, media arts, museums, music, musical theater, and visual arts.
4. National Endowment for the Arts: <https://www.arts.gov/grants>
Supports projects that exhibit, preserve, and interpret visual material through exhibitions, residences, publications, commissions, public art works, conservation documentation, and services to the federal and public programs.
5. National Endowment for the Humanities: www.neh.gov/grants
Provides grants for high-quality humanities projects in four funding areas: preserving and providing access to cultural resources, education, research and public programs.
6. National Historical Publications and Records Commission:
<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/>
Supports projects in archives and museums focused on document preservation.
7. The National Trust for Historic Preservation: www.nthp.org
Offers several types of financial assistance in preservation-related projects
8. Preserve America Grants (National Park Service): www.preserveamerica.gov
Supports preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education and historic preservation planning.
9. US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration:
www.eda.gov
Provides funds for technical assistance, planning, and development of projects that result in the creation of significant levels of private sector employment.
10. US Department of the Interior: <https://www.nps.gov/history/index.htm>
Funds projects that encourage preservation of National Historic Landmarks.
11. US Department of Agriculture: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>
Offers programs in the area of housing and rural community development that can be of assistance to preservation efforts.