

1 _____ BILL NO. _____
 2 INTRODUCED BY _____
 3 (Primary Sponsor)
 4 BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE HISTORIC
 6 PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR HISTORIC
 7 PRESERVATION PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT
 8 PROGRAM ACCOUNT; PLACING CONDITIONS ON GRANTS AND FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN
 9 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 13 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation for Montana historic preservation grant program. (1)**

14 There is appropriated \$6,229,375 from the historic preservation grant program account established in 22-3-
 15 1307 to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to finance projects authorized in
 16 subsection (2).

17 (2) The following projects and applicants are authorized for grants in their order of priority:

Rank	Project/Applicant	Grant Amount
1	Carter County Museum	
	Carter County Geological Society	\$500,000
2	Yaak Community Hall	
	Lincoln County	\$168,000
2	John Engen Building	
	Missoula Local Government Building Special District	\$498,800
4	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	
	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	\$356,377
5	Lincoln School	

1		Lincoln School Foundation	\$364,980
2	6	KPRK Building	
3		Moleo Media Group, LLC	\$500,000
4	7	Historic Lavina School	
5		Lavina Public Schools	\$398,128
6	8	Cooper Village Museum and Arts Center	
7		Cooper Village Museum and Arts Center	\$233,000
8	8	Red Lodge Pea Cannery and Brewery Building	
9		Metagabbro LLC	\$500,000
10	8	Yellowstone Art Museum Main Building	
11		Yellowstone Art Museum	\$328,000
12	11	Fountain Terrace Condominiums	
13		Fountain Terrace Condominiums, Inc.	\$500,000
14	11	Octagonal Pavilion	
15		Madison County	\$500,000
16	13	St. Michael's Church	
17		Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula	\$114,492
18	13	Historic Hamilton Town Hall	
19		Hamilton, City of	\$305,607
20	15	Boulder Hot Springs Bathhouse	
21		Peace Valley Partnership, LLC	\$500,000
22	16	Building 27	
23		Northern Rockies Heritage Center	\$300,971
24	16	W.A. Clark Jr., Prison Theater at the Old Montana Prison in Deer Lodge	
25		Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation, Inc.	\$161,200
26	18	Apsáalooke Center for Culture and History	
27		Little Big Horn College	\$500,000
28	19	Hill County Courthouse	

1		Hill County	\$500,000
2	20	Historic Hotel Libby	
3		Friends of Historic Hotel Libby	\$500,000
4	20	Thompson-Hickman Memorial Building	
5		Madison County	\$500,000
6	20	Historic Shelby High	
7		Shelby, City of	\$500,000
8	23	Glendive Public Library	
9		Dawson County	\$79,011
10	23	Sandstone and Cobblestone Schools Complex	
11		Sandstone Preservation Community	\$500,000
12	25	The Recording Center	
13		Mathson Design, LLC	\$50,000
14	26	State School for the Deaf and Blind "Cottage 5"/Jefferson County Health Department	
15		Jefferson County	\$500,000
16	26	Yucca Theatre	
17		Treasure County 89ers, Inc.	\$145,000
18	26	St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral	
19		St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral of Helena	\$250,000
20	29	Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Courthouse	
21		Anaconda-Deer Lodge County	\$400,000
22	29	Phoenix Building	
23		National Affordable Housing Network	\$500,000
24	31	Kalispell Community Thrift/Scandinavian Methodist Church	
25		Community Thrift LLC	\$240,000
26	32	Granite County Museum & Cultural Center	
27		Granite County Museum & Cultural Center	\$500,000
28	32	Kalispell Train Depot Building	

1		Kalispell, City of	\$286,337
2	34	Mountain States Telephone Building	
3		MSTB, LLC	\$500,000
4	35	Miles City Convent Keepers Community Center	
5		Miles City Convent Keepers	\$434,226
6	36	Fortin Ranch House	
7		Blarney Ranch, LLC	\$500,000
8	36	Butte Steam Plant Event Center	
9		Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc., on behalf of S-Team LLC	\$500,000
10	36	Livingston Elks Lodge	
11		Livingston Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 246	\$500,000
12	39	Shrine Auditorium	
13		Native American Development Corporation	\$500,000
14	39	Maclean Icehouse	
15		Seeley Lake Historical Society	\$10,000
16	41	Adams Hotel	
17		Friends of the Historic Adams Hotel	\$200,000
18	42	Lewis & Clark County Courthouse	
19		Lewis & Clark County	\$500,000
20	42	St. Patrick's Mission	
21		World Museum of Mining	\$173,040
22	44	The Montana Hotel	
23		Anaconda Restoration Association	\$100,746
24	45	Pi Chapter Delta Gamma House	
25		Pi House Corporation of Delta Gamma	\$240,000
26	46	The Montana Building	
27		Montana Building Condominium Association (MBCA)	\$481,920
28	47	Penwell Building	

1		Urban Renewal Associates, LLC	\$500,000
2	48	Anaconda Elks Club	
3		Anaconda Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge 239	\$429,000
4	49	Yellowstone Perc	
5		Sidney Yellowstone Merc, LLC	\$500,000
6	50	Superior Schoolhouse	
7		West Valley Property, LLC	\$500,000
8	51	Historic Libby High School/Libby Lofts	
9		Libby Lofts, LLC	\$500,000
10	52	Historic Montgomery Ward Building	
11		333 Skyline LLC	\$500,000
12	53	Billings Depot Caboose	
13		Billings Depot, Inc.	\$236,000
14	53	Union Pacific Dining Lodge	
15		West Yellowstone, Town of	\$500,000
16	55	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery	
17		Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery, Inc.	\$72,478
18	56	Downtowner Building	
19		Downtowner Group, LLC	\$273,000
20	57	The Red Barn at Hagerman Ranch	
21		Basin, Inc.	\$228,800
22	58	Project 400	
23		Golden Triangle Development, LLC	\$378,167
24	59	Villa Theatre	
25		Villa Theatre Foundation	\$500,000
26	60	RB Drive-In	
27		Brooks Adventures, LLC DBA RB Drive-In	\$109,035
28	61	Lenox Flats, LLC	

1 Homeword Inc. \$188,330

2 61 Yellowstone Gateway Museum of Park County

3 Yellowstone Gateway Museum Foundation \$499,620

4 63 Main Street Building

5 Lonesome Prairie Properties, LLC \$232,000

6 (3) Funding for the projects in subsection (2) is provided in the order of priority as long as there are
 7 sufficient funds available from the amount that was deposited in the historic preservation grant program account
 8 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025. The funds in this subsection (3) must be awarded for the projects
 9 and in amounts not to exceed the amounts set out in subsection (2) subject to the conditions set forth in
 10 [section 3]. However, any of the projects listed in subsection (2) that do not complete the conditions described
 11 in [section 3(1)] by September 1, 2026, must be reviewed by the next regular legislature to determine if the
 12 authorized grant should be withdrawn.

13 (4) If sufficient funds are available, this section constitutes a valid obligation of funds to the grant
 14 projects listed in subsection (2) for the purposes of encumbering the funds in the historic preservation grant
 15 program account established in 22-3-1307 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, pursuant to 17-7-302. A
 16 grant recipient's entitlement to receive funds is dependent on the grant recipient's compliance with the
 17 conditions described in [section 3] and on the availability of funds.

18 (5) The legislature, pursuant to 22-3-1305, authorizes the grants for the projects specified in
 19 subsection (2).

20 (6) (a) Except as provided in subsection (6)(b), a grant recipient shall enter into a definitive, binding
 21 contract with a qualified contractor to construct the project prior to September 30 of the even-numbered year
 22 preceding the next regularly scheduled legislative session. If the grant recipient fails to meet the deadline, any
 23 obligation to the grant recipient ceases, and the funds revert to the historic preservation grant program account
 24 established in 22-3-1307 for use in the next biennium.

25 (b) A grant recipient who fails to meet the contract deadline for either of the following reasons may
 26 request one 2-year extension, during which the project must be placed under contract or any obligation to the
 27 grant ceases:

28 (i) the project is damaged by fire or another form of casualty; or

(ii) the grant recipient fails to find a qualified contractor to construct the project and diligently pursued all reasonable avenues to find a qualified contractor.

(7) Grant recipients shall complete all of the conditions described in [section 3(1)] by September 30, 2026, or any obligation to the grant recipient ceases.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Approval of grants -- completion of biennial appropriation. (1) The legislature, pursuant to 22-3-1305, authorizes grants for the projects specified in [section 1(2)].

(2) The authorization of these grants completes a biennial appropriation from the historic preservation grant program account established in 22-3-1307.

(3) Grants to entities from prior biennia are reauthorized for the completion of contract work.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Condition of grants -- disbursement of funds. (1) The disbursement of grant funds for the projects specified in [section 1(2)] is subject to the completion of the following conditions:

(a) The grant recipient shall document that other matching funds required for the completion of the project are firmly committed.

(b) The grant recipient must have a project management plan that is approved by the department of commerce.

(c) The grant recipient must be in compliance with the auditing and reporting requirements provided for in 2-7-503 and establish a financial accounting system that the department can reasonably ensure conforms to generally accepted accounting principles. Tribal governments shall comply with the auditing and reporting requirements provided for in 2 CFR 200.

(d) The grant recipient shall satisfactorily comply with any conditions described in the application or project summaries section of the Montana historic preservation grant program 2025 biennium report to the 69th legislature.

(e) The grant recipient shall satisfy other specific requirements considered necessary by the department of commerce to accomplish the purpose of the project as evidenced by the application to the department.

(f) The grant recipient shall execute a grant agreement with the department of commerce.

(2) Recipients of Montana historic preservation grant program funds are subject to the requirements of the department of commerce as described in the most recent edition of the Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program Project Administration Manual adopted by the department through the administrative rulemaking process.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Supplemental appropriations.** In the event that the total cost of a project exceeds the amount of the grant and matching funds, the grant recipient is fully responsible for funding the cost overrun. A supplemental appropriation may not be granted to complete the project.

NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Other powers and duties of department of commerce.** (1) The department of commerce shall disburse grant funds on a reimbursement basis as grant recipients incur eligible project expenses.

(2) If actual project expenses are lower than the projected expense of the project, the department may, at its discretion, reduce the amount of grant funds provided to grant recipients in proportion to all other project funding sources.

NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

NEW SECTION. Section 7. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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