



AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ACCOUNT; PLACING CONDITIONS ON GRANTS AND FUNDS; AMENDING SECTION 4(1), CHAPTER 710, LAWS OF 2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Appropriation for Montana historic preservation grant program. (1) There is appropriated ~~\$6,229,375~~ \$5,918,092 from the historic preservation grant program account established in 22-3-1307 to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to finance projects authorized in subsection (2).

(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 <u>\$300,000</u>
2	Yaak Community Hall	
	Lincoln County	\$168,000
2	John Engen Building	
	Missoula Local Government Building Special District	\$498,800 <u>\$350,000</u>
4	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	
	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	\$356,377
5	Lincoln School	
	Lincoln School Foundation	\$364,980 <u>\$300,000</u>

6	KPRK Building	
	Moleo Media Group, LLC	\$500,000 <u>\$250,000</u>
7	Historic Lavina School	
	Lavina Public Schools	\$398,128 <u>\$250,000</u>
8	Cooper Village Museum and Arts Center	
	Cooper Village Museum and Arts Center	\$233,000
8	Red Lodge Pea Cannery and Brewery Building	
	Metagabbro LLC	\$500,000
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	Metagabbro LLC	<u>\$50,000</u>
8	Yellowstone Art Museum Main Building	
	Yellowstone Art Museum	\$328,000 <u>\$210,000</u>
11	Fountain Terrace Condominiums	
	Fountain Terrace Condominiums, Inc.	\$500,000
11	Octagonal Pavilion	
	Madison County	\$500,000 <u>\$200,000</u>
13	St. Michael's Church	
	Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula	\$114,492
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13	Historic Hamilton Town Hall	
	Hamilton, City of	\$305,607 <u>\$150,000</u>
15	Boulder Hot Springs Bathhouse	
	Peace Valley Partnership, LLC	\$500,000
16	Building 27	
	Northern Rockies Heritage Center	\$300,971
16	W.A. Clark Jr., Prison Theater at the Old Montana Prison in Deer Lodge	
	Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation, Inc.	\$161,200

18	Apsáalooke Center for Culture and History	
	Little Big Horn College	\$500,000 <u>\$250,000</u>
19	Hill County Courthouse	
	Hill County	\$500,000 <u>\$350,000</u>
20	Historic Hotel Libby	
	Friends of Historic Hotel Libby	\$500,000
20	Thompson-Hickman Memorial Building	
	Madison County	\$500,000
20	Historic Shelby High	
	Shelby, City of	\$500,000
23	Glendive Public Library	
	Dawson County	\$79,011
23	Sandstone and Cobblestone Schools Complex	
	Sandstone Preservation Community	\$500,000
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	<u>Sandstone Preservation Community</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
25	The Recording Center	
	Mathson Design, LLC	\$50,000 <u>\$24,600</u>
26	State School for the Deaf and Blind "Cottage 5"/Jefferson County Health Department	
	Jefferson County	\$500,000
26	Yucca Theatre	
	Treasure County 89ers, Inc.	\$145,000
26	St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral	
	St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral of Helena	\$250,000
29	Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Courthouse	
	Anaconda-Deer Lodge County	\$400,000
29	Phoenix Building	
	National Affordable Housing Network	\$500,000

29	Anaconda Deer Lodge County Courthouse	
	Anaconda Deer Lodge County	\$200,000
31	Kalispell Community Thrift/Scandinavian Methodist Church	
	Community Thrift LLC	\$240,000 <u>\$50,000</u>
32	Granite County Museum & Cultural Center	
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32	Kalispell Train Depot Building	
	Kalispell, City of	\$286,337 <u>\$150,000</u>
34	Mountain States Telephone Building	
	MSTB, LLC	\$150,000
35	Butte Steam Plant Event Center	
	Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc., on behalf of S Team LLC	\$200,000
34	Mountain States Telephone Building	
	MSTB, LLC	\$500,000
35	Miles City Convent Keepers Community Center	
	Miles City Convent Keepers	\$434,226
36	Fortin Ranch House	
	Blarney Ranch, LLC	\$500,000
36	Butte Steam Plant Event Center	
	Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc., on behalf of S-Team LLC	\$500,000
36	Livingston Elks Lodge	
	Livingston Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 246	\$500,000
39	Shrine Auditorium	
	Native American Development Corporation	\$500,000 <u>\$350,000</u>
39	Maclean Icehouse	
	Seeley Lake Historical Society	\$10,000
41	Adams Hotel	
	Friends of the Historic Adams Hotel	\$200,000

42	Lewis & Clark County Courthouse	
	Lewis & Clark County	\$500,000 <u>\$300,000</u>
42	St. Patrick's Mission	
	World Museum of Mining	\$173,040 <u>\$155,000</u>
44	<u>Anaconda Montana Hotel</u>	
	Anaconda Restoration Association	\$51,000
44	The Montana Hotel	
	Anaconda Restoration Association	\$100,746
45	Pi Chapter Delta Gamma House	
	Pi House Corporation of Delta Gamma	\$ 240,000
46	The Montana Building	
	Montana Building Condominium Association (MBCA)	\$481,920
47	Penwell Building	
	Urban Renewal Associates, LLC	\$500,000
48	Anaconda Elks Club	
	Anaconda Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge 239	\$429,000 <u>\$250,000</u>
49	Yellowstone Perc	
	Sidney Yellowstone Merc, LLC	\$500,000
50	Superior Schoolhouse	
	West Valley Property, LLC	\$500,000
51	Historic Libby High School/Libby Lofts	
	Libby Lofts, LLC	\$500,000
52	Historic Montgomery Ward Building	
	333 Skyline LLC	\$500,000
53	Billings Depot Caboose	
	Billings Depot, Inc.	\$236,000
53	<u>Billings Depot Caboose</u>	
	Billings Depot, Inc.	<u>\$150,000</u>

53	Union Pacific Dining Lodge	
	West Yellowstone, Town of	\$500,000 <u>\$300,000</u>
55	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery	
	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery, Inc.	\$72,478 <u>\$50,000</u>
56	Downtowner Building	
	Downtowner Group, LLC	\$273,000
57	The Red Barn at Hagerman Ranch	
	Basin, Inc.	\$228,800
58	Project 400	
	Golden Triangle Development, LLC	\$378,167
59	Villa Theatre	
	Villa Theatre Foundation	\$500,000 <u>\$100,000</u>
60	RB Drive-In	
	Brooks Adventures, LLC DBA RB Drive-In	\$109,035
61	Lenox Flats, LLC	
	Homeword Inc.	\$188,330
61	Yellowstone Gateway Museum of Park County	
	Yellowstone Gateway Museum Foundation	\$499,620 <u>\$200,000</u>
63	Main Street Building	
	Lonesome Prairie Properties, LLC	\$232,000

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

(4) If sufficient funds are available, this section constitutes a valid obligation of funds to the grant

projects listed in subsection (2) for the purposes of encumbering the funds in the historic preservation grant program account established in 22-3-1307 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, pursuant to 17-7-302. A grant recipient's entitlement to receive funds is dependent on the grant recipient's compliance with the conditions described in [section 3] and on the availability of funds.

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

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

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

- (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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Section 6. Section 4(1), Chapter 710, Laws of 2023, is amended to read:

(1) The portion of section 4(1), Chapter 710, Laws of 2023, appropriating money from the historic preservation grant program account to the department of commerce for the indicated project is amended to read:

"~~15~~ ~~Rocky Mountain Building~~
~~Community Health Care Center, Inc. dba Alluvion Health~~ ~~\$400,000~~"

(2) The portion of section 4(1), Chapter 710, Laws of 2023, appropriating money from the historic preservation grant program account to the department of commerce for the indicated project is amended to read:

"~~20~~ Montana Club
~~Original Montana Club Cooperative Association~~ Rathskeller, LLC \$90,040"

Section 7. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 12, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

INTRODUCED BY J. FITZPATRICK

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

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