



# Governor's 2023 Biennium Executive Budget

## Volume 8

### Montana Historic Preservation Program

### 2023 Biennium Project Funding Recommendations

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# 2023 Biennium MHPG Projects Recommended for Funding

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) administers the Montana Historic Preservation Grant (MHPG) Program, created through House Bill 338 during the 66<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session in 2019 and codified at Section 22-3-1305, *et seq.*, MCA. MHPG provides a competitive grant program for public or private entities to complete activities for the preservation of historic sites, historical societies, or history museums in the state and must be submitted to Commerce by March 1<sup>st</sup> on even numbered years.

Funding for MHPG grants comes from the Historic Preservation Grant Program account established in 17-2-102, MCA and is subject to appropriation by the legislature. As of January 1, 2020, tax collections allocated in 15-68-820(3)(b) and (4)(c) began depositing in the Historic Preservation Grant Program account.

MHPG project grants are available on a competitive basis through statutory criteria established in Section 22-3-1306, MCA. The six statutory criteria include the following: (a) Support of Economic Activity or Stimulus, (b) Purpose and Need of Proposed Project, (c) Project Timeline and Matching Funds, (d) State Historic or Heritage Value, (e) Experience and Capacity to Complete Proposed Project, and; (f) Ongoing and Future State Economic Benefit.

Commerce received 94 grant applications for consideration of 2023 Biennium MHPG funding, requesting \$24,111,510 in funds for the following project types: 68 historic sites, 23 history museums, and 3 historical society projects. Two applications are not considered eligible as one withdrew and a second one applied after the statutory due date, making a total request of \$21,611,510 for 92 applications. It is important to note that applications may cover more than one project type but are listed with only one project type in information within this document. For example, the Treasure County '89ers Museum Board applied for preservation activities in the Yucca Theatre, which is both a historic museum and historic site.

Staff reviewed and ranked all applications based on the statutory criteria in the MHPG Application Guidelines and Administration Manual, as set forth in Section 22-3-1305, MCA. In accordance with the MHPG statute, staff reviewed and ranked all applications in consultation with the Tourism Advisory Council and the State Historical Preservation Office to develop the final recommendations. The total possible points available for projects in the 2023 Biennium ranking was 1,100 and did result in ties between projects as shown in the information contained in this document.

There is submitted within this document one list of all 94 projects received by Commerce in a ranked order with the estimated amount of recommended financial assistance for each project for consideration and inclusion into the Governor's budget for legislative appropriation. The Governor's budget recommends projects up to the estimated revenue amount, through a funding line, to be received in the Historic Preservation Grant account for the 2023 biennium. Projects numbered 1 through 16 (including tied projects within that range) are recommended for funding in the amounts shown below, for a total project grant appropriation of \$3,189,996. The project recommendations by Governor's Budget and Commerce are advisory to the legislature; and Commerce is prepared to present these recommendations to the legislature by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The MHPG statute provides that the legislature will make the final decisions on funding awards and make the necessary appropriations for these grants.

**Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program**  
Award Recommendations for the 2023 Biennium

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Recommended Amount</b>	<b>Total Project</b>	<b>Cumulative Total Amount</b>
1	Yucca Theater in Hysham	Treasure County '89ers Museum Board	Treasure	\$23,300	\$28,600	\$23,300
2	The Dion Block in Glendive	McPherson Real Estate LLC on behalf of The Dion Block	Dawson	\$206,822	\$275,763	\$230,122
2	Crowley Block in Lewistown	Bighorn Valley Health Center, Inc.	Fergus	\$412,535	\$412,535	\$642,657
4	The People's Center in Pablo	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	Lake	\$63,250	\$63,250	\$705,907
4	Central School Building in Kalispell	Northwest Montana Historical Society	Flathead	\$72,981	\$74,151	\$778,888
4	Boulder Hot Springs	Peace Valley Limited Partnership	Jefferson	\$498,500	\$715,000	\$1,277,388
7	10 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in Great Falls	Preservation Cascade Inc.	Cascade	\$125,000	\$355,000	\$1,402,388
8	Ringling Mansion in White Sulphur Springs	Sarah C. Calhoun LLC on behalf of the Ringling Mansion	Meagher	\$89,500	\$121,000	\$1,491,888
9	Livingston Depot Center	Livingston Depot Foundation, Inc.	Park	\$140,000	\$285,663	\$1,631,888
9	Seeley Lake Historical Museum & Visitor's Center	Seeley Lake Historical Museum & Visitor's Center	Missoula	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$1,646,888
9	The Heritage Museum in Libby	The Heritage Museum	Lincoln	\$261,300	\$281,950	\$1,908,188
12	Carpenters Union Hall in Butte	Carpenters Union Hall	Silver Bow	\$228,600	\$381,000	\$2,136,788
12	Helena Fire Tower	City of Helena	Lewis & Clark	\$25,226	\$182,000	\$2,162,014
12	O'Fallon Historical Museum in Baker	Fallon County	Fallon	\$298,657	\$351,361	\$2,460,671
12	Paradise Center	Paradise Elementary School Preservation Committee	Sanders	\$154,025	\$154,025	\$2,614,696
16	Blaine County Museum in Chinook	Blaine County Museum	Blaine	\$75,300	\$75,300	\$2,689,996
16	Gardiner Community Center	Greater Gardiner Community Council	Park	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$3,189,996
18	Bannack State Park	Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks - Bannack State Park	Beaverhead	\$287,588	\$292,088	\$3,477,584
18	Coggswell-Taylor House in Virginia City	Montana Heritage Commission-Coggswell-Taylor House	Madison	\$176,562	\$234,107	\$3,654,146
20	Virginia City School Inn & Conference Center	Montana Lifestyle Experience LLC	Madison	\$500,000	\$1,360,000	\$4,154,146

21	Mother Lode Theater in Butte	City-County Butte-Silver Bow	Silver Bow	\$500,000	\$550,000	\$4,654,146
21	East Barracks at Fort Owen	Fort Owen State Park	Ravalli	\$81,561	\$109,561	\$4,735,707
21	Hickman House in Virginia City	Montana Heritage Commission-Hickman House	Madison	\$166,073	\$211,368	\$4,901,780
24	Hotel Finlen in Butte	Finlen Properties LLC	Silver Bow	\$354,189	\$2,955,060	\$5,255,969
24	Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman	Museum of the Rockies	Gallatin	\$500,000	\$3,990,528	\$5,755,969
26	Milwaukee Depot in Missoula	Boone and Crockett Club	Missoula	\$500,000	\$1,302,900	\$6,255,969
26	Missoula Art Museum	Missoula Art Museum	Missoula	\$455,000	\$510,000	\$6,710,969
26	Gilbert House in Virginia City	Montana Heritage Commission-Gilbert House	Madison	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$7,010,969
29	Roundhouse in Harlowton	City of Harlowton	Wheatland	\$500,000	\$790,000	\$7,510,969
29	Spotted Bear Ranger Station near Hungry Horse	National Forest Foundation	Missoula	\$72,200	\$112,200	\$7,583,169
29	Opera House Theater in Philipsburg	Philipsburg Playhouse Productions	Granite	\$500,000	\$555,200	\$8,083,169
32	Conservation Legacy Center in Missoula	National Museum of Forest Service History	Missoula	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$8,583,169
33	Dillon Public Library	Dillon Public Library	Beaverhead	\$11,447	\$14,309	\$8,594,616
34	Billings Depot	Billings Depot	Yellowstone	\$469,500	\$505,000	\$9,064,116
34	Yellowstone Historic Center in West Yellowstone	Yellowstone Historic Center	Gallatin	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$9,464,116
36	Roosevelt School Building in Red Lodge	Red Lodge Area Community Foundation	Carbon	\$457,578	\$527,155	\$9,921,694
36	Norton House in Columbus	The Stillwater Historical Society	Stillwater	\$373,178	\$456,398	\$10,294,872
38	East Helena Volunteer Fireman's Hall	City of East Helena	Lewis & Clark	\$200,000	\$720,000	\$10,494,872
39	Conrad Mansion Museum in Kalispell	Conrad Mansion Directors, Inc. on behalf of the Conrad Mansion Museum	Flathead	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$10,530,872
39	Deer Lodge Visitor Center and Discover Deer Lodge Office	Deer Lodge Development Group, Inc. dba Discover Deer Lodge	Powell	\$50,000	\$80,000	\$10,580,872
39	Wheeler Property in Glacier National Park	Glacier National Park Conservancy	Flathead	\$493,200	\$610,305	\$11,074,072

39	The O'Rourke Building in Butte	The O'Rourke Building, LLC	Silver Bow	\$457,254	\$2,151,250	\$11,531,326
43	Civic Center in Great Falls	City of Great Falls	Cascade	\$500,000	\$5,513,126	\$12,031,326
43	Riverside Park in Laurel	City of Laurel	Yellowstone	\$432,000	\$432,000	\$12,463,326
43	The YWCA in Helena	The YWCA of Helena, Montana	Lewis & Clark	\$393,135	\$436,817	\$12,856,461
46	Black Bear Inn in Thompson Falls	Black Bear Inn, Inc.	Sanders	\$57,000	\$95,000	\$12,913,461
47	Old Town Hall in Shelby	City of Shelby	Toole	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$12,922,461
47	Placer School in Winston	Montana Business Assistance Connection on behalf of the Placer School	Broadwater	\$59,650	\$84,650	\$12,982,111
49	Historic Red Brick Building in Hardin	City of Hardin on behalf of Dan's Custom Design	Big Horn	\$33,390	\$41,738	\$13,015,501
49	Rocky Mountain Building in Great Falls	Community Health Care Center, Inc. dba Alluvion Health	Cascade	\$500,000	\$18,000,000	\$13,515,501
49	Alberton Railroad Depot	Town of Alberton	Mineral	\$40,168	\$40,168	\$13,555,669
52	Hammond Arcade Building in Missoula	Caras Real Estate LLC	Missoula	\$496,492	\$744,702	\$14,052,161
52	Ashby Cabin in Lincoln	Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Society	Lewis & Clark	\$31,150	\$31,150	\$14,083,311
52	St Patrick's Mission in Butte	World Museum of Mining	Silver Bow	\$34,740	\$43,420	\$14,118,051
55	Kinney Building in Wibaux	3D4B Properties Inc. on behalf of the Kinney Building	Wibaux	\$76,687	\$102,250	\$14,194,738
56	Fromberg Opera House	American Legion Post 71 of Fromberg, MT	Carbon	\$74,679	\$89,679	\$14,269,417
56	City Hall in Deer Lodge	City of Deer Lodge	Powell	\$243,000	\$271,000	\$14,512,417
56	Old Fort Benton	River & Plains Society's Fort Benton Reconstruction Committee	Chouteau	\$232,279	\$300,000	\$14,744,696
59	City Hall in Dillon	City of Dillon	Beaverhead	\$500,000	\$964,000	\$15,244,696
59	Granite Ghost Town State Park	Granite Ghost Town State Park	Granite	\$32,000	\$36,000	\$15,280,696
59	Troy Museum and Visitor Center	Troy Museum and Visitor Center	Lincoln	\$4,904	\$6,539	\$15,281,600
62	Miles City Elks Lodge #537	Miles City Elks Lodge #537	Custer	\$500,000	\$645,850	\$15,781,600
62	W.A. Clark Prison Theater in Deer Lodge	Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation	Powell	\$218,000	\$218,000	\$15,999,600
64	Huntley Project Museum	Huntley Project Museum	Yellowstone	\$41,805	\$55,740	\$16,041,405
64	Sacred Heart Church in Harlem	Sacred Heart Pink Church, Highway 2	Blaine	\$132,100	\$151,980	\$16,173,505

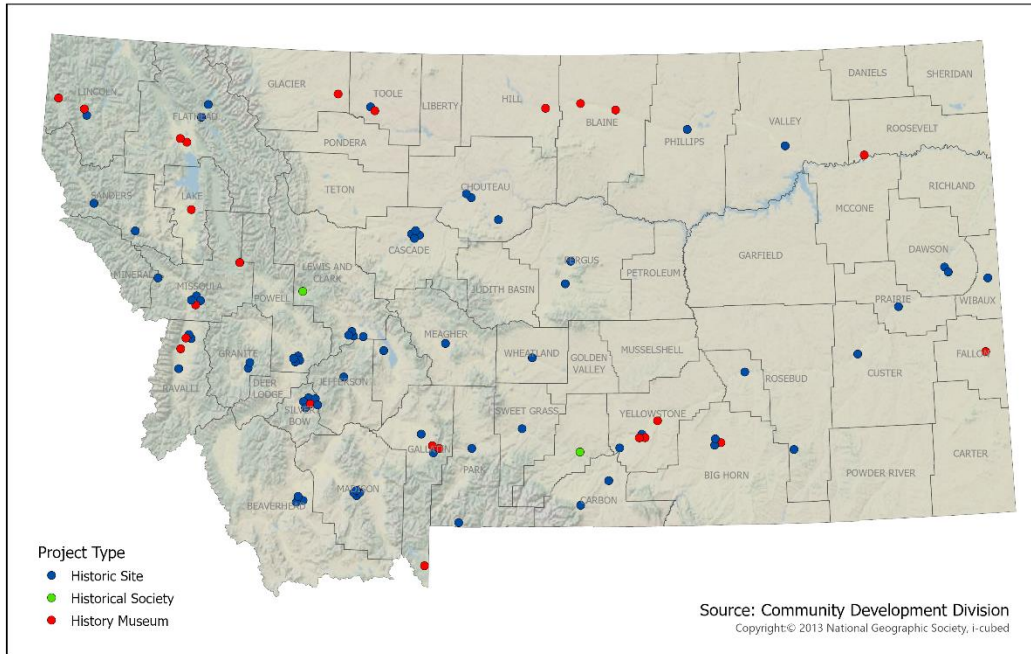
66	Rundle Building in Glasgow	Rundle Restoration Project LLC	Valley	\$489,600	\$651,600	\$16,663,105
67	Big Timber Civic Center	Big Timber Civic Center	Sweet Grass	\$476,440	\$675,440	\$17,139,545
67	Bell Street Bridge in Glendive	Dawson County Bell Street Bridge Committee	Dawson	\$60,000	\$65,000	\$17,199,545
69	Emerson Center's Crawford Theater in Bozeman	Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture	Gallatin	\$200,000	\$335,000	\$17,399,545
69	Gallatin History Museum in Bozeman	Gallatin History Museum	Gallatin	\$24,188	\$24,188	\$17,423,733
69	Grandey School Building in Terry	Prairie County School District K-12 #5	Prairie	\$200,000	\$220,000	\$17,623,733
72	Hotel Libby	Friends of Historic Hotel Libby	Lincoln	\$179,250	\$239,000	\$17,802,983
72	Stevensville United Methodist Church	Stevensville United Methodist Church	Ravalli	\$98,500	\$240,000	\$17,901,483
72	Yellowstone County Museum in Billings	Yellowstone County	Yellowstone	\$269,301	\$359,068	\$18,170,784
75	Malta Carnegie Library	Rachel Liff on behalf of the Malta Carnegie Library	Phillips	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$18,270,784
75	Arts & Crafts Building in Lame Deer	The Northern Cheyenne Tribe	Rosebud	\$493,300	\$643,300	\$18,764,084
75	The Original Daly Mansion in Hamilton	The Original Marcus Daly Home and Bitterroot Stock Farm Office Trust	Ravalli	\$341,730	\$1,091,730	\$19,105,814
75	Marias Museum of History & Art in Shelby	Toole County - Marias Museum of History & Art	Toole	\$21,000	\$28,000	\$19,126,814
79	St Paul's Episcopal Church in Fort Benton	Fort Benton Community Improvement Association	Chouteau	\$135,030	\$155,030	\$19,261,844
79	Mineral Museum in Butte	Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Mineral Museum	Silver Bow	\$125,400	\$158,440	\$19,387,244
81	The Stevensville Historical Museum	The Stevensville Historical Museum, Inc.	Ravalli	\$35,000	\$37,100	\$19,422,244
82	Pioneer Building in Cut Bank	Glacier County Historical Museum	Glacier	\$183,975	\$220,110	\$19,606,219
82	Victor Heritage Museum	Victor Heritage Museum	Ravalli	\$5,075	\$5,075	\$19,611,294
84	Kendall Townsite in Lewistown	Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America	Cascade	\$500,000	\$1,031,500	\$20,111,294
85	Children's Museum of Montana in Great Falls	Children's Museum of Montana, Inc. dba Museum of Montana	Cascade	\$500,000	\$42,673,675	\$20,611,294
86	Reese Creek School near Belgrade	Reese Creek Community Center, Inc.	Gallatin	\$490,540	\$490,540	\$21,101,834



87	Havre Beneath the Streets	Havre Beneath the Streets	Hill	\$180,000	\$200,000	\$21,281,834
87	Little Red Schoolhouse in Helena	Little Red Schoolhouse Inc.	Lewis & Clark	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$21,406,834
89	Old Auditorium in Geraldine	Geraldine K-12 Schools	Chouteau	\$61,266	\$61,266	\$21,468,100
90	Wolf Point Area Museum	Wolf Point Area Museum	Roosevelt	\$62,610	\$62,610	\$21,530,710
91	Farmer's Daughter General Store in Hardin	City of Hardin on behalf of Farmer's Daughter General Store	Big Horn	\$75,000	\$93,750	\$21,605,710
92	High Plains Women's Museum in Billings	High Plains Women's Museum	Yellowstone	\$5,800	\$22,000	\$21,611,510
93	Big Horn County Historical Museum in Hardin	Big Horn County Historical Society (applicant withdrew application 3/12/20)	Big Horn	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	\$22,111,510
94	Hotel Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge Preservation, Inc. (application submitted untimely 6/12/2020)	Powell	\$2,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$24,111,510
			<b>Total</b>	\$22,111,510	\$105,169,258	\$24,111,510

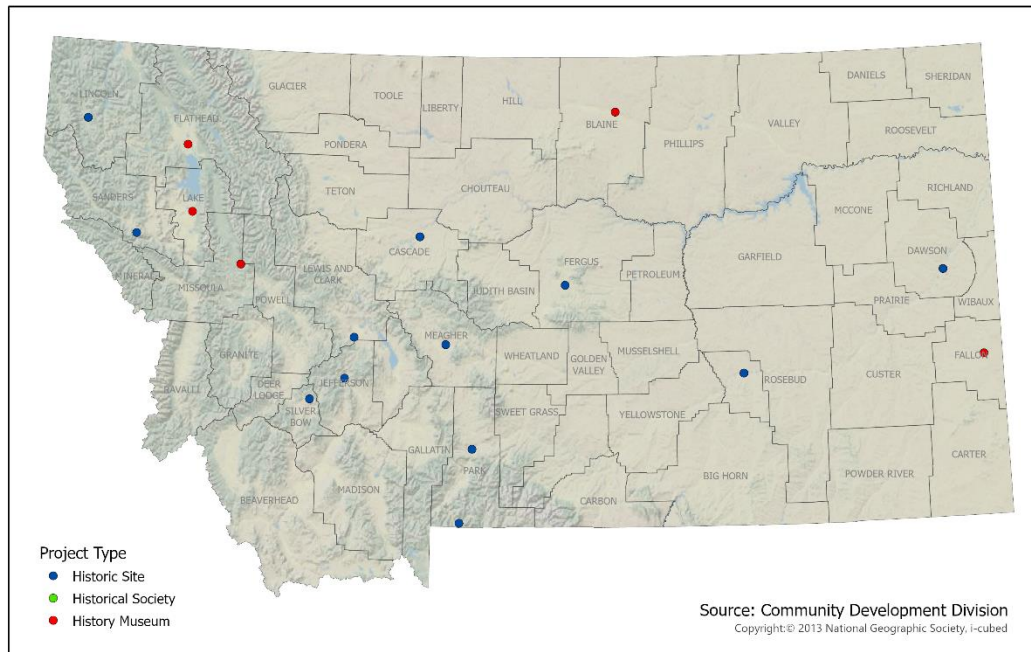
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**Project No. 1 – Yucca Theatre in Hysham  
Treasure County ‘89ers Museum Board  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Repair Wall and Roof of the Yucca Theater**

This application received 990 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 1 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$23,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Treasure County ‘89ers	General Fund	\$5,300	Unknown
<b>Project Total</b>		\$28,600	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Yucca Theater was built in 1931 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The entire complex consists of the Yucca Theater, the Manning Home, and a museum. The interior west wall and ceiling of the Yucca Theater show moisture damage; the applicant stated that a contractor’s opinion is that moisture is getting in at the top vegga structure near the balcony wall. As a result, the surface of the wall is powdering away, and the ceiling is showing up to two feet across water spots.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Moisture damage on the interior west wall and the ceiling.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will fix the vegga leaks and install a new roof. In addition, it will repair the west interior wall.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 2 –The Dion Block in Glendive  
McPherson Real Estate LLC on behalf of The Dion Building  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Replace Roof and Improve Interior Skylights Over Atrium Space**

This application received 980 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 2 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$206,822	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Owner	Equity	\$68,941	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$275,763</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Dion Block is a group of four connected storefronts that comprise a primary component of the Glendive Downtown Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Construction began in 1886, and the buildings have since been a key part of the Glendive commercial district. The current owners have demonstrated a commitment to the renovation of the historic building and to improving its economic viability. Currently 12 businesses are housed within the building. The owners have begun undertaking phases of building improvements as part of a Historic Tax Credit project. Recent improvements include façade renovations, HVAC improvements, and roofing repairs to 1/3 of the building.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ A roof leak was identified in 2019. The roof failure impacts 2/3 of the building and has caused damage to an interior party wall. The source of roof failure is identified as leaks in a non-original metal roof structure built over the original roof. This roof structure also obscures original skylights. Due to the leaking, 1,500 square feet of the building is not rentable, and the long-term use of occupied spaces is threatened.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will remove the metal roofing system and replace the historic roof, which will include restoring the historic skylights. The project has been specced for a PVC membrane roof and has already received approval from the State Historic Preservation Office.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did consider the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must document that its fiscal agent or association is in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State and has proper tracking and financial reporting in place, prior to executing a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce. The fiscal agent or association will be the recipient of the grant award and becomes the legal applicant of record, manages the disbursement of grant funds according to the Commerce reimbursement processes, and is responsible for all the requirements of the specific grant.

**Project No. 2 – Crowley Block in Lewistown  
Bighorn Valley Health Center, Inc.  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Facade Improvements and Renovation of Interior Historical Features**

This application received 980 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 2 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$412,535	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Big Horn Valley Health Center	Capital and Reserves	\$1,521,397	Committed
Snowy Mountain Development Corporation	Grant/Loan	\$160,000	Committed
Miscellaneous Grants	Grant	\$250,000	Committed
Bank Donation	Grant	\$50,000	Committed
Historic Tax Credits	Tax Credits	\$1,303,006	Pending
New Market Tax Credits	Tax Credits	\$1,285,597	Pending
Murdoch Trust Grant	Grant	\$450,000	Pending
Steele Reese Foundation	Grant	\$50,000	Pending
Treacy Foundation	Grant	\$100,000	Pending
TIF District	Grant	\$50,000	Pending
RMRH Grant	Grant	\$80,000	Pending
TBD Grants, Equity Investors, and BHVC Reserves	TBD	\$1,429,668	TBD
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$7,142,203</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Nonprofit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Bighorn Valley Health Center (BVHC) is one of Montana’s 14 Community Health Centers. BVHC recently bought the Crowley Block in downtown Lewistown. The building is 28,000 square feet, three floors, and uses 80 feet of frontage on Main Street. It is part of the Lewistown Central Business Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. BVHC intends to rehabilitate the Crowley Block for mixed-use; the basement, first floor, and mezzanine will be used as a community-based, outpatient primary health center, while the second and third floors will be used as 12-18 apartments.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Repairable or unusable doors and historic hardware on the exterior; crumbling masonry and tuckpointing on the exterior; repairable or unusable windows, sash, and historic hardware on the exterior; repairable or unusable doors, frames, and historic hardware on the second and third floor interior; and crumbling cornices and friezes on the exterior of the building.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will address the deficiencies in the Crowley Block in four phases, although MHPG funds are only requested for Phase III. Phase I, II, and III will be completed in the next two years, and Phase IV will be completed in the next five years. Phase I includes acquisition, planning, and hazardous material abatement. Phase II includes construction of the health center. Phase III includes addressing many of the historical characteristics on the exterior and interior of the building. And Phase IV includes renovating the 12-18 apartments on the second and third floors. The applicant stated that the scope of work for Phase III includes: restoring the exterior façade, doors, and historic hardware, rehabilitating the exterior masonry and tuckpointing, rehabilitating the exterior windows and sash, restoring the original wood double hung windows, rehabilitating the second and third floor doors, frames, and historic hardware, and rehabilitating the exterior cornices and friezes.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; the applicant stated that “all work will be done in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards.”



**Project No. 4 – The People’s Center in Pablo  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Upgrade and Install New Well, Sewer System, Security System,  
and ADA Improvements**

This application received 970 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 4 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$63,250	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$63,250</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Tribe – History Museum

**Project History** – The People’s Center is a museum, gift shop, and cultural center for the Confederated Salish Kootenai tribes, promoting and interpreting the cultural heritage of the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d’Oreille tribes. The People’s Center exhibits historic artifacts, promotes local artists, and supports tribal culture through the hosting of events and activities. The building opened to the public in 1995.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The building is not ADA compliant and wheelchair users require assistance to enter the building. The building shares a well and sewer with the residential property next door which does not provide sufficient water to meet the People’s Center’s requirements. In addition, the building lacks proper security systems to protect its collection.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will install ADA compliant electronic doors, install a separate well and sewer system for the building, and update the security systems.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and the SOI standards may not be applicable to the project

**Project No. 4 – Central School Building in Kalispell  
Northwest Montana Historical Society  
History Museum (Climate Control) – Repair, Flush, and Clean the HVAC System**

This application received 970 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 4 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$72,981	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Northwestern Energy	Grant	\$1,170	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$74,151</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – Northwest Montana History Museum of Kalispell is currently located in the Central School building. The building is a 22,000 square foot building and erected in 1894. It is a contributing structure in a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places since 1994. The building served as a schoolhouse, Flathead Valley Community College, and the Northwest Montana History Museum since 1999. The Museum is operated by the Northwest Montana Historical Society, a registered 501(c)3 organization. The Museum has 45,000 artifacts, photographs, records, and documents that tell the story of Northwest Montana. Storage and displays of the Museum’s collection accounts for 60% of the Museum’s 22,000 square footage. Additionally, the building provides a meeting space that hosts over 100 events annually and provides multiple K-12 and adult education programs. The applicant notes that optimal temperature to increase the longevity of museum collections is 65 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit and the Museum currently lacks key components to the heating and cooling systems, putting at risk the historical collection as well as decreasing comfort for museum visitors, staff, and groups using the meeting areas.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- There are heating and cooling deficiencies that have led to decreased protection of the collections and decreased comfort for visitors.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will flush and clean the HVAC system. In addition, it will replace 42 malfunctioning valves and actuators.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 4 – Boulder Hot Springs  
Peace Valley Limited Partnership  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Restoration of the Exterior Stucco Cladding and Repairs to  
Damaged Eaves**

This application received 970 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 4 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$498,500	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
PVLP	Owners Investment	\$126,500-216,500	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$625,000-715,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Boulder Hot Springs was first constructed in 1863 and has seen multiples uses and additions over the years. Its current Mission Style appearance reflects additions and remodeling begun in 1910. The Boulder Hot Springs currently operates as a hot spring, hotel, and event center with 29 guest rooms. Peace Valley Limited Partnership (PVLP) have owned the building since the 1980s and have completed several major projects to restore the historic structure and improve its economic potential. Improvements to guest rooms, asbestos remediation, building systems upgrades, and restoration of the historic ballroom bar, and veranda have been completed since the 1990s.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The exterior stucco finish of the walls is deteriorating with noticeable failure of the metal mesh substrate and wood structure beneath is evident in some places. The routine patching of the stucco work over the years has helped maintain the building envelope but cannot properly address the underlying issues resulting the stucco deterioration. Deterioration of the eaves and soffit on portions of the building and improper negative grading of the surrounding landscaping are identified as causes of deterioration.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will completely restore the stucco exterior of the entire building, repair building eaves and wall damage to correct the causes of accelerated deterioration. The project would also regrade the landscaping skirting the building to reestablish proper drainage. Once complete the project would restore the buildings historic stucco appearance, and ensure a proper building envelop to protect the building. The project will include completion of a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR), to comprehensively evaluate the needs and opportunities to restore the building and ensure its continued economic viability.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards

**Project No. 7 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in Great Falls  
Preservation Cascade Inc.  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Bridge Balusters Replacements**

This application received 960 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 7 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$125,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Preservation Cascade Inc.	Savings	\$216,000	Unknown
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$341,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge crossed the Missouri River in central Great Falls. Designed by Montanan architect George Shanely, it is the longest concrete arch bridge in the Great Plains states. It has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and selected by the National Park Services as a “American Treasure.” The north end of the bridge was restored in 2003 with a Save America’s Treasures grant. The applicant notes the only way for pedestrians in Great Falls to cross the river in the area is on two other vehicular bridges. While parts of the bridge can be used, the entire span is not open to the public as there are missing baluster railings in areas.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- Pedestrians cannot utilize the bridge fully due to a lack of safety and a baluster railing.

**Proposed Solution** – Installation of new balusters for the 10<sup>th</sup> street bridge.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; however, the applicant has a preservation architect on their committee.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the remainder of the environmental review.

**Project No. 8 – Ringling Mansion in White Sulphur Springs  
Sarah C. Calhoun, LLC on behalf of the Ringling Mansion  
Historic Site (Building Code Issue) – Reconstruct the Historic Wrap-Around Porch and  
ADA Upgrades**

This application received 950 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 8 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$89,500	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Private Donations	Capital	\$31,500 <i>(minimum)</i>	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$121,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1892, the Ringling Mansion is a private residence in White Sulphur Springs, Montana. The Ringling family of circus fame purchased the home in 1910 and in 1978 it was where Ivan Doig wrote his memoir, *This House of Sky*. Sarah Calhoun of Red Ants Pants is in the process of purchasing the property from the current owner. The property includes 21 rooms and 7 baths on 4 floors, and it will be known as the Ringling Social Club and Boarding House. The Red Ants Pants Foundation will utilize space on the first floor for their Girls Leadership and Rural Institute. There will also be space for spaces for community meetings, events, and performances and pop-up businesses (such as a yoga studio, bakery, or shared workspace). The upper floor will be used as long-term rentals. Sarah Calhoun is undertaking phase one of the renovation – which consists of renovating the bathrooms on the second floor and updating the electrical system – and applying for phase two – which includes constructing a wraparound porch with an ADA ramp and applying for the National Register of Historic Places.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Ringling Mansion is not currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places because it was a private residence. In addition, the original wraparound porch was removed several decades ago. As a result, a historic feature of the structure is missing and there is no ADA-accessible entrance to open the property to the public.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will work with the Montana Preservation Alliance to list the property on the National Register of Historic Places, allowing the use of Historic Tax Credits. Then, the proposed project will construct a wraparound porch on the Ringling Mansion with an ADA ramp, bringing the space up to code and restoring the historic character.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must document that its fiscal agent or association is in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State and has proper tracking and financial reporting in place, prior to executing a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce. The fiscal agent or association will be the recipient of the grant award and becomes the legal applicant of record, manages the disbursement of grant funds according to the Commerce reimbursement processes, and is responsible for all the requirements of the specific grant.

**Project No. 9 – Livingston Depot Center  
Livingston Depot Foundation, Inc.  
Historic Site (Climate Control) – Restore the Historic Windows and Install Storm Windows**

This application received 940 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 9 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$140,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Livingston Depot Center	Cash	\$66,533	Committed
Various Organizations including MOTBD	Grant	\$55,130	Committed
Pending Grants from Various Organizations	Grant	\$30,000	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$285,663</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Livingston Depot was completed in 1902 by the Northern Pacific Railroad to serve as a prominent gateway for rail passengers disembarking to visit Yellowstone National Park. The depot now serves as a visitor center, community center, and railroad museum. The Livingston Depot is utilized as an event and wedding venue, which is the primary revenue source for the Livingston Depot Foundation. The applicant undertook an extensive renovation in 1985, leveraging over \$800,000 in local funding. In 2004, they raised another \$500,000 to replace the building’s roof. The applicant continues to maintain and upgrade the facility. Recently they began a climate control upgrading project. Phase I of the project updated the heating and cooling systems with new boilers installed. Phase II installed an HVAC control system and updated lighting with energy efficient bulbs. The applicant is now beginning Phase III, which will restore the historic windows of the structure to improve their energy performance.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The historic single paned windows of the Livingston Depot are in a state of deterioration and have experienced deferred maintenance. The windows are a primary source of heat loss for the building due to improper sealing, deterioration, and cracks to windowpanes. These deficiencies cause increased energy costs and limit building use in the colder shoulder and winter months. To mitigate over-heating in the summer and heat loss in the winter the Livingston Depot Foundation installs temporary interior shutters. These shutters reduce the appeal of the building both from the street and as a venue. In addition, they are logistically difficult for facility staff to manage, weighing 250 lbs. each.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will restore the historic windows and install historically appropriate exterior storm windows and interior window coverings to address the deteriorated state of the windows and greatly improve their energy efficiency. The proposed solution is identified as a more cost effective and historically appropriate alternative to replacing the windows, which results in a similar energy performance.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 9 – Seeley Lake Historical Museum & Visitor’s Center  
Seeley Lake Historical Museum & Visitor’s Center  
History Museum (Climate Control) – Furnace Installation**

This application received 940 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 9 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$15,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – History Museum

**Project History** – The Seeley Lake Museum and Visitor’s Center was formed in 1998 through the joint efforts of four local organizations to restore the Double Arrow Ranch Barn, which had collapsed in the heavy snowfall of 1997. The organization fully restored the barn, including rebuilding the collapsed roof and relocated the structure a short distance to optimize proximity to Highway 83, a main tourism corridor. The barn is now operated as a historical museum and visitor’s center to promote and interpret the area’s history, attractions, and recreational opportunities. The facility also provides event space free of charge to local nonprofit organizations. The museum has added an artifact storage facility to the grounds, and in 2019 they began the reassembly of the historic Maloney Cabin on the grounds which will house period artifacts.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The buildings geothermal-electric heating system is over 20 years old and experiencing increasing mechanical issues. The museum has consulted with a local mechanical systems contractor who has recommended replacement of the unit, noting the difficulty and expense of sourcing parts for the aging unit. The cost of continued repair exceeds the cost for replacing the system with a new unit.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace the buildings heating system with a new higher efficiency unit which includes a humidifier to better regulate temperature and humidity within the museum. The new system will provide improved climate control at a lower operating cost.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 9 – The Heritage Museum in Libby  
The Heritage Museum  
History Museum (Maintenance) – Roof Replacement**

This application received 940 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 9 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$261,300	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
The Heritage Museum	Grant	\$20,650	
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$281,950</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – History Museum

**Project History** – The Heritage Museum in Libby is housed within a 46-year-old 12-sided dodecagon that is 130 feet in diameter. The building is a single story with a 3-story high central tower, 30 feet in diameter. The building houses professionally designed exhibits and displays thousands of artifacts telling the story of the area’s history in the 1800-1900s. The building’s roof is 35 years old. The roof has been leaking, threatening exhibits and artifacts. The museum organization has been setting aside funds for roof replacement and recently obtained bids for project. The estimated cost for the project is substantially higher than the museum anticipated, requiring the sourcing of additional funding to complete the project.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The roof was improperly installed resulting in condensation build-up and leaks which threaten the structure and the collections within.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace the entire roof system down to the original tongue and groove ceiling, adding in additional vapor barriers and insulation as specified by roofing contractors.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.



**Project No. 12 – Carpenters Union Hall in Butte  
Carpenters Union Hall, Inc.  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Install Fire Escape and External Elevator and Upgrade the Building for  
Seismic Protection**

This application received 930 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 12 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$228,600	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Carpenters Union Hall, Inc.	Capital	\$114,300	Secured
Superfund Advisory and Redevelopment Trust Authority	Grant	\$28,575	Pending MHPG
Urban Revitalization Agency	Grant	\$9,525	Pending MHPG
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$381,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Carpenters Union Hall in Butte is the oldest continuously operating labor temple in Montana. Constructed in 1906, the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, contributing to the rich architectural inventory of Uptown Butte. The basement and first floor of the Carpenters Union Hall are occupied by a community radio station and labor unions, and the meeting hall on the first floor is used on a near-daily basis by various community groups. However, the two upper floors of the building were abandoned in the mid-1970s and have been severely neglected for decades. In the last six years, the applicant has invested over \$85,000 in restoring these two upper floors to be used as ballrooms and offices; the roof was replaced, the original windows were reconstructed, the plaster work on the coved ceilings were restored, the electrical and plumbing were upgraded, and a new heating system was installed. The renovation of the two upper floors is nearly complete, but accessibility issues remain.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ There is no elevator in the Carpenters Union Hall, only a staircase leading to the two upper floors. As a result, the applicant is concerned that accessibility issues may reduce the public’s ability to use the ballrooms and offices on the upper floors of the building.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will install an elevator on the exterior of the Carpenters Union Hall. This will ensure that elderly and disabled members of the Butte community are fully able to utilize and enjoy this restored historic building. In addition, the elevator design includes a new external fire escape to bring the building into compliance with safety codes along with exterior thrust buttresses to seismically secure the structure.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; the applicant stated that the project would meet the SOI standards for Rehabilitation.

**Project No. 12 – Helena Fire Tower  
City of Helena  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Rehabilitate Structure with Seismic Retrofits and Historic Features**

This application received 930 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 12 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$25,226	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Revitalizing Montana’s Rural Heritage Grant	Grant	\$70,000	Received invitation to submit “Part 2”
Friends of the Fire Tower	Donation	\$80,000	Pledges will be called in based on grants
Helena Soroptimists	Donation	\$2,774	<i>No details given</i>
Jerry Metcalf Foundation	Grant	\$4,000	Awarded in 2018
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$182,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1874, the Helena Fire Tower is located on a hillside above Last Chance Gulch in Helena. It is a contributing property to the Helena and South-Central Historic Districts. Due to its location, it has become emblematic for the community; it even appears of the City of Helena’s logo and seal. The Helena Fire Tower is maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department and their maintenance methods have inadvertently resulted in the accelerated decay of the base timbers. In addition, they rebuilt the watchmen’s cabin in a manner that is historically inaccurate.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Well-meaning maintenance methods have resulted in the accelerated decay of the structure’s base timbers. Furthermore, reconstruction projects for the upper part of the structure used pressure-treated lumber, which is historically inaccurate.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will rehabilitate the Fire Tower in accordance with the SOI standards. First, the structure’s base timbers and foundation will be repaired to prevent further decay and upgraded to resist overturning from wind or seismic events. Second, missing timbers and pressure-treated timbers and stairs will be replaced to restore historic accuracy. Third, the watchman cabin will be replaced to return the Fire Tower to its historic appearance.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; the applicant stated that “the goal of this project is to rehabilitate the Fire Tower in accordance with the SOI Standards.”

**Project No. 12 – O’Fallon Historical Museum in Baker  
Fallon County  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Rehabilitate the Foundation of the Fallon County Jail**

This application received 930 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 12 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$298,657	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Fallon County	Capital	\$52,704	Secured
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$351,361</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1916, the Fallon County Jail served as the county jail from its creation until 1974. It is now the only remaining building in Fallon County on the National Historic Register, and the anchor building of the O’Fallon Historical Museum complex. Built by Montana’s most prolific architectural firm, Link & Haire, the structure incorporates craftsman ideals of honesty and simplicity through its concrete and stucco design.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Structural issues with the foundation, water damage in the basement walls, and peeling exterior stucco.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will rehabilitate the Fallon County Jail based on a recently-completed structural assessment; the proposed project will focus on repairing the structure’s foundation and exterior stucco. The existing foundation will be protected with a perimeter excavation and exterior treatment to prevent further water infiltration. In addition, severely water damaged areas of the building will be repaired, a perimeter foundation drain tile will be installed, and the current sump pump will be replaced. To complete these repairs, an unused boiler in the basement will need to be removed and disassembled. These actions will extend the life of the Fallon County Jail for an additional 40-50 years while preserving the historical integrity of the building.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; the applicant mentioned the SOI standards throughout the application

**Project No. 12 – Paradise Center  
Paradise Elementary School Preservation Committee  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Installation of an Elevator and Construction of an ADA Bathroom**

This application received 930 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 12 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$154,025	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$154,025</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Paradise Center is a community, visitor, and arts center. The majority of the Paradise Center is housed within the Paradise Elementary School, which was built in 1910 and overlooks Paradise, Montana and the Clark Fork River Valley. Right now, only the main floor of the three-story building is with ADA accessible. Since 2016, the applicant has been renovating and operating the Paradise Center.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Paradise Elementary School, the three-story building that houses the Paradise Center, is not compliant with ADA standards. The applicant has previously upgraded the auditorium, which is the other structure on the property, and installed an outdoor access ramp to the main floor of the Paradise Elementary School to mitigate some of the accessibility issues. However, there is no ADA access to the other floors and the basement bathroom is not ADA accessible.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will install an interior (limited use/limited access) elevator using space in two cloakrooms on the main floor and upper floor and a restroom in the basement. In addition, the other restroom in the basement will be renovated into unisex bathroom compartments, with at least one compartment that is ADA compliant.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** –It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Project No. 16 – Blaine County Museum in Chinook  
Blaine County Museum  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Repair Foundation of the Blaine County Museum**

This application received 920 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 16 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$75,300	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$75,300</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Museum

**Project History** – The Blaine County Museum is an entity of Blaine County. The museum building was built in 1915 and operated as a recreation center and then a grocery store before being repurposed to a museum in 1977. The museum has a lack of upstairs space and many of the museum’s collections, including an extensive photo archive, are housed in the basement. The basement has yearly water damage due to flooding. The flooding puts their collections at risk.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The foundation is cracked allowing flooding in the basement every year.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will waterproof the exterior of the facility’s foundation by filling and refinishing the cracked interior walls. In addition, the applicant will dig to the foundation’s base to wash and cover the exterior walls with a liquid rubber sealant. Perimeter drains will also be installed at the base of the foundation to direct groundwater away from the foundation. Finally, the foundation’s interior walls will be cleaned, their cracks will be filled, and then they will be refinished with stucco.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards in their environmental review and notes that all work will be based on the standards in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office.

**Project No. 16 – Gardiner Community Center  
Greater Gardiner Community Council  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Replace Roof and Complete Structural Improvements**

This application received 920 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 16 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Gardiner Resort Tax Grant	Grant	\$150,000	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$650,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Gardiner Community Center, original built in 1910 as the Gardiner Opera House, continues to serve the community as an event and meeting space. The building is a large barn-style structure with stone walls and a gambrel roof. The load of the roof structure has caused outward bowing of the exterior walls. Cross ties were installed in the 1980s to correct the issue which has slowed, but not halted. The Gardiner Community Council recently commissioned Cushing Terrell Architects to complete a structural assessment of the building. A hazardous materials assessment and most of the required abatement work was completed in 2017.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The roof load has caused the exterior stone walls to bow out over the years resulting in structural instability. Corrective action in the 1980s did not fully arrest the issue and the collar ties were installed that broke up the interior space and limited the use of the performance stage.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will address the structural issues noted in the structural assessment, installing a new steel framework and roof truss system to fully stabilize the structure. The project will involve the installation of new water and sewer lines and restoration of the original entry sequence. Additional phases of interior renovations will further improve the building as a useable event space.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 18 – Bannack State Park  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Historic Site (Fire Protection) – Improve Wildland Fire Defense System with Upgrades for  
Wildfire Protection and Prevention**

This application received 900 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 18 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$287,588	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
State Parks Budget	Cash	\$4,500	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		\$292,088	

**Applicant Type:** State Park – Historic Site

**Project History** – Bannack Ghost Town is a Montana State Park and National Historic Landmark. Bannack was the capital of Montana Territory in 1864 and abandoned in the 1940s. The town became a state park in 1954 and a National Historic Landmark in 1961. The town consists of over 100 historic structures and attracts approximately 50,000 visitors a year.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Bannack is at risk of fire damage due to wildfires.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will upgrade the current pump, hydrant, and hose system to meet National Fire Protection Association standards and expanding the system to include new structures. In addition, it will install extensive ground emergency sprinkler/soaker system and limited rooftop sprinklers. Finally, the proposed project will replace the shingles in 17 vulnerable buildings with pressure treated fire retardant #1 premium blue label cedar shingles.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 18 – Coggsell-Taylor House in Virginia City  
Montana Heritage Commission  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Restore the Coggsell-Taylor House**

This application received 900 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 18 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$176,562	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Montana Heritage Commission	Capital	\$57,545	Secured
National Trust for Historic Preservation	Grant	\$150,000	Applying in December 2020 <i>*for a future phase in 2022</i>
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$234,107</b> <i>\$384,107 with the future phase in 2022</i>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in the 1860s, the Coggsell-Taylor house consists of two joined structures in Virginia City, Minerva Coggsell’s house and the Jackson Street store, that were owned by free African-Americans. Virginia City is the most intact mid-19<sup>th</sup> century gold mining town in the country and a National Historic Landmark. Of the 250 buildings in Virginia City, the Coggsell-Taylor house is one of the most at-risk structures. In 2009, the Montana Heritage Commission stabilized the Jackson Street store with roof and foundation repairs, however, the rest of the building remains in an extremely advanced state of disrepair.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Coggsell-Taylor house is in an extremely advanced state of disrepair. The structure has been suffering from long-standing moisture issues and a lack of maintenance for decades. The logs on the rear sidewall are splayed and bowed, which exposes the interior structure to the elements; the rear windows and door are broken and the sashes will fall out soon; the exterior logs and gable ends are in urgent need of treatment, repair, and painting; the floors and walls are in need of restoration; and mechanical and electrical systems are non-existent.

**Proposed Solution** – The project will complete the restoration of the Coggsell-Taylor house in four phases; the applicant will fund the first phase and MHPG funds are requested for the other three phases. Phase one will secure the professional plans to complete the stabilization and restoration of the Jackson Street store along with stabilizing the floor and log walls. Phase two will complete the exterior restoration of the Jackson Street store, which will include door and window restoration, painting, and connecting utilities. Phase three will complete the interior restoration of the Jackson Street store, which will include flooring and trim restoration, kitchen and bath plumbing, ceiling and wall treatments, and electrical and mechanical system upgrades. Phase four will secure a condition assessment and architectural plan for the Minerva Coggsell house, which is the adjoining structure. Eventually, both properties will be used as lodgings within the applicants “Stay & Play” rental program.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; the applicant stated, “our project will adhere to SOI standards for Rehabilitation.”



**Project No. 20 – Virginia City School Inn & Conference Center  
 Montana Lifestyle Experience LLC  
 Historic Site (Maintenance) – Renovate the Old Virginia City School Through Adaptive Reuse**

This application received 860 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 20 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Owner	Equity	\$160,000	Committed
Bank	Loan	\$700,000	Pending grant award
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$1,360,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Virginia City School House dates to 1867 and served the community as a school until 1976 when it closed due to declining enrolment. The building transferred ownership to the town and then to the county for use as office space. In 2010, concerns over the buildings declining state of repair and structural stability lead to the county vacating the building. Since then it has seen minor maintenance and served as storage space. The applicant, Montana Lifestyle Experience LLC, plans to purchase and renovate the building as Virginia City Schoolhouse Inn and Conference Center.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Virginia City Schoolhouse has been vacant for 10 years and requires substantial restoration and seismic retrofitting in order to preserve the building and enable occupancy. The building has structural deficiencies which have been documented in several conditions reports of the building.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will completely renovate the building and adaptively reuse it as the Virginia City Schoolhouse Inn and Conference Center. The project would address all structural and building issues. The facility would include 9 hotel rooms, catering kitchen and a two state-of-the-art meeting rooms.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 21 – Mother Lode Theatre in Butte  
City-County Butte-Silver Bow  
Historic Site (Fire Protection – Install Fire Suppression System and Alarm System)**

This application received 850 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 21 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Butte Silver-Bow	Cash	\$50,000	Subject to FY2021 budget approval
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$550,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Mother Lode Theatre was constructed in 1924 and donated to Butte Silver-Bow County in 1993. A \$3 million renovation project was completed in 1996. The Butte Center for the Performing Arts leases the theatre and operates it currently. The theatre operates as a venue for Butte Community Concert, Butte Symphony, Montana Repertory Theatre, Orphan Girl Children’s Theatre, and more. The theatre has a lack of adequate fire protection. The BSB Fire Marshall has allowed the theatre to operate while it pursues funding, but it is not up to current safety standards.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The building needs an updated fire suppression and alarm system.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will install a fire suppression and alarm system to bring the building into current safety codes.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards and consulted with the local Butte Historic Preservation Officer.

**Project No. 21 – East Barracks at Fort Owen  
Fort Owen State Park  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Preserve East Barracks**

This application received 850 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 21 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$81,561	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
State Parks Budget	Capital	\$3,000	Committed
Rapp Family Foundation	Grant	\$25,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$109,561</b>	

**Applicant Type:** State Agency – Historic Site

**Project History** – Fort Owen State Park is a one-acre park in the Bitterroot Valley, which includes remains of a trading post occupied from 1850 to 1900. The Fort Owen trading post played a significant role in the early history of Montana; it was an important touchstone for fur traders, Jesuit and U.S. government officials, gold prospectors, and homesteaders and ranchers. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The only significant remaining structure at Fort Owen State Park – the adobe East Barracks built in 1857 – needs significant repairs.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ According to a Facility Condition Inventory, the East Barracks at Fort Owen State Park needs significant repairs. In addition, the shorter adobe walls – which depict what the original 1857 adobe walls would have looked like for interpretive purposes – need significant repairs.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will include repointing eroded mortar joints on the adobe walls, repairing gaps around the windows, repairing heavy pitting in some of the adobe walls, and replacing in-kind the top two courses of adobe brick on both chimneys. In addition, the wooden windows and doors need repairs, the structure needs interventions to make it marmot-proof, and the shorter adobe interpretive walls require rebuilding and new coping.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; preservation is referenced throughout the application and the letter of support from Philip Maechling, who is a current board member of Friends of Fort Owen and previously served as Missoula’s historic preservation officer, stated that SOI standards would be implemented.

**Project No. 21 – Hickman House in Virginia City  
Montana Heritage Commission  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Restore the Hickman House**

This application received 850 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 21 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$166,073	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Montana Heritage Commission	Grant	\$45,295	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$211,368</b>	

**Applicant Type:** State Agency – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Hickman House is one of over 200 historic structures that comprise the Virginia City and Nevada City Historic Landmark District. The property is owned by the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) who has overseen the preservation of Virginia City since its founding in 1997. The Hickman House is identified as one of the most at-risk properties under MHC care, and in need of renovation. The MHC has already commissioned Cushing Terrell Architects to complete a conditions assessment of the house to identify deficiencies and recommend proper treatments. Once renovated, MHC plans to include the house in their “Stay and Play” historic vacation rental program. MHC staff have begun repairs and stabilization, but they do not have the financial resources on hand to complete the full renovation.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The conditions assessment by CTA identified numerous deficiencies, including foundation issues, and recommended a complete restoration of the property, including structural stabilization.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will enable the complete restoration of the historic home and place it in service as part of the “Stay and Play” vacation rental program, generating income for continued repairs and maintenance. The project will be completed in three phases; planning and assessment, stabilization, and interior restoration for rental occupancy.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 24 – Hotel Finlen in Butte  
Finlen Properties, LLC  
Historic Site (Building Code Issue) – Install Sprinkler System and Safety System**

This application received 840 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 24 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$354,189	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
RCAD	Loan	\$1,900,871	Contingent
CDBG-ED	Loan	\$700,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$2,955,060</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Hotel Finlen in Butte was constructed in 1923 in the Second French Empire Style and has been called “the most iconic hotel in Montana.” The building currently encompasses 120,000 square feet, offering 36 apartments, 10 commercial spaces, 24 hotel and 32 motel rooms as well as a lobby and ballroom spaces. Portions of the building are currently vacant, including the 30-room annex tower. The facility has not undergone any major renovation work in five decades largely due to the high cost of retrofitting the building to meet modern building codes. The current owners purchased the hotel complex in 2018 with the goal of returning the iconic hotel to its original position as a premier lodging and events facility to match its architectural grandeur. The current owners have completed thorough market studies, business planning, and preliminary architectural reports to direct the best approach to renovating the Hotel Finlen as part of Uptown Butte’s revitalization efforts.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Any major renovation work will trigger building code requirements to update the fire suppression and egress systems. The hotel building is in sound condition, but it needs renovations to reposition it as a grand lodging facility. The hotel does not currently offer enough rooms to realize returns to scale on operating efficiency.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will renovate the vacant annex to restore 30 high quality hotel rooms, improving the operational efficiency of the hotel and repositioning the hotel as a premier historic hotel. The requested MHPG funds would contribute to the cost of installing fire suppression systems in the building in order to meet modern code requirements. The project is intended to be a catalyst for Uptown Butte revitalization efforts, creating spillover benefits to local businesses and generating intensified interest in the rich heritage of the nation’s largest national historic landmark district.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 24 – Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman**  
**Museum of the Rockies**  
**History Museum (Infrastructure) – Construct a New Roof Superstructure to Mitigate Seismic and Roof Deficiencies**

This application received 840 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 24 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
MOR National Advisory Board	Gift	\$1,800,000	Pending
MOR Donors	Gift	\$690,528	Pending
Designated MOR Board Funds	Cash	\$300,000	Approved
Foundations and Grants	Grant	\$475,000	Pending
MSU Maintenance Fund Support	Cash	\$225,000	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$3,990,528</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – History Museum

**Project History** – The Museum of the Rockies was founded in 1957 and is a division of Montana State University, partially governed by the nonprofit Museum of the Rockies, Inc. The museum has grown to become one of Montana’s most visited museums, renowned for its paleontology collection, and housing over 300,000 historical artifacts. Museum of the Rockies greeted over 220,000 visitors in 2019 including 67,000 school children. The structure has undergone several phases of expansion in the 1970s and 1980s with over 120,000 square feet of exhibit space around a central open courtyard. The collapse of a roof of similar age and design as the 1970s wings of the museum prompted the Museum of the Rockies to undertake a structural assessment of the building.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Structural concerns have been identified with the 1970s wings of the museum. A study by Robert Peccia & Associates identified three major deficiencies: the roof structure is at risk of structural failure in the event of heavy snow load, the structure is not adequately braced for seismic activity, and rain and snow melt often cause buildup in the open courtyard which leads to water infiltration to the exhibit halls.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will construct a new steel superstructure to enclose the central courtyard and 1970s wings. The new building will act to stabilize the 1970s wings, mitigate courtyard water issues, and create a more useable central hall which will accommodate future museum growth. A project team including architects/engineers, Museum of the Rockies board members, and Montana State University officials explored several options, identifying the proposed project as the highest value approach.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 26 – Milwaukee Depot in Missoula  
Boone and Crockett Club  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Restore Exterior of Building Including Windows, Masonry, and Roof**

This application received 810 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 26 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Murdock Trust	Grant	\$300,000	Pending
Montana History Foundation	Grant	\$10,000	Pending
Boone and Crockett Club	Cash	\$10,000	Committed
Fundraising	Donations, Grants	\$482,900	Unsecured
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$1,302,900</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Missoula Milwaukee Depot was built in 1890 and is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Boone and Crockett Club, a non-profit committed to promoting the conservation and management of wildlife, especially big game, purchased the building in 1992 to serve as the organization’s headquarters. Since then, the club has undertaken three phases of repairs and improvements to the building, but after 130 years the iconic building needs a comprehensive restoration to ensure its continued use and preservation. The applicant, the Boone and Crockett Club, commissioned an architectural firm to undertake a comprehensive conditions assessment to inform the restoration of the structure. The report identified several areas of needed restoration including, roofing, masonry, and window repairs.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The conditions report identified a comprehensive list of needed repairs and suggested treatments. Major items included roof and soffit damage caused by improper shingle installation, window restoration, and masonry repairs.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will comprehensively address the deficiencies as recommended in the conditions report including the repair and replacement of the roof with a more historically accurate, and durable Spanish tile material, restoring the building to a more original appearance and providing a longer life-expectancy than asphalt shingles. The project would also address window/door renovations and masonry repointing as specified by the architect to position the building for another 100+ years of use.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 26 – Missoula Art Museum**  
**Missoula Art Museum**  
**Historic Site (Climate Control) – Upgrade Climate Control System and Improve Energy Efficiency**

This application received 810 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 26 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$455,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
City of Missoula	Current Budget	\$38,000	Committed
City of Missoula	Next year's Budget Request	\$17,000	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$510,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Missoula Carnegie Library was built in 1903 to the design of prominent local architect A.J. Gibson with a second story added in 1913. The building was saved from demolition in 1974 when the Missoula Area Arts Council leased the building to house the Missoula Arts Museum (MAM). The museum has been continually improved over its 45 years of operation, most notably with a \$5.3 million building renovation and expansion project in 2006. The museum is nationally accredited and a cornerstone of Missoula’s Arts and Cultural economy. The City of Missoula maintains ownership of the building and contributes to maintenance costs. MAM has inconsistencies with internal climate which are a concern for maintaining exhibits and securing art on loan. In 2018, the firm McKinstry completed an evaluation of the museums energy and climate control system’s recommending several improvements.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The McKinstry building study identified several issues which increase energy costs and inconsistent climate control in different areas of the museum, identifying issues with the building envelop, need to update boilers, and need to alter climate control systems to better regulate temperatures and humidity throughout the building. These deficiencies threaten the museums ability to maintain the proper climate control needed to borrow valuable artwork and maintain national accreditation.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will address all building envelope and mechanical systems deficiencies to ensure proper climate control within the museum and reduce energy costs. Improvements will include replacement of the existing boiler system with a more efficient unit. The project scope has been informed by the building study to ensure improvement address issues in a cost-effective manner.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.



**Project No. 26 – Gilbert House in Virginia City  
Montana Heritage Commission  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Restore the Gilbert House**

This application received 810 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 26 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$300,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Montana Heritage Commission	Cash	\$50,000	Committed in FY2021-2022 Budget
<b>Project Total</b>		\$350,000	

**Applicant Type:** State Agency – Historic Site

**Project History** – The building was constructed in 1863. It was continuously used and occupied until 1997 when it was sold to the Montana Heritage Commission. The applicant notes that for over 70 years the cellar portion of the building has been filled with groundwater due to a nearby creek.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- There are site drainage issues and moisture-induced deterioration of wooden elements of the building.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will abate the site and restore the dwelling. This will include: draining the site, repairing foundation, installing new services (water, sewer, and electrical), replacing rotted framing, adding utilities inside (electrical, plumbing, and heating utilities), installing appliances and fixtures, installing insulation in attic and wall cavities, restoring exterior surfaces (siding, trim, roof, porches), restoring 15 windows and 8 doors, and restoring interior surfaces (walls, ceilings, floors, trim).

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 29 – Roundhouse in Harlowton**  
**City of Harlowton**  
**Historic Site (Maintenance) – Improve Building Security, Insulate and Repair Windows, Walls, and Doors, Prevent Water Intrusion, and Complete Feasibility Study on Redevelopment and Reuse**

This application received 800 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 29 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
Roundhouse			
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
DEQ Brownfields	Grant	\$20,000	Awarded
SMDC Brownfields	Grant	\$20,000	Awarded
SMDC	Grant	\$250,000	To be awarded in Oct. 2020
Site Cleanup			
DEQ	Grant	\$450,000	Awarded
DNRC	Grant	\$155,000	Awarded
DNRC	Grant	\$930,000	Awarded
DNRC	Grant	\$500,000	Applications due May 15, 2020
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$2,825,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The City of Harlowton was once a major rail hub on the Milwaukee Road, serving as the transition point between diesel and electric power. The roundhouse is part of a 180-acre railyard which supported the railroads activities. With the termination of the rail service in 1979 the city of faced an abrupt economic and population decline. Ownership of the rail yard and roundhouse were transferred to the city. The site’s extensive diesel contamination left the city with the daunting task of brownfields remediation in order to use the site. In 2015, the State of Montana legislature allocated funding from the Orphan Share Account towards the cleanup. With additional funding from DEQ, the city has over \$1.3 million from cleanup activities. The city has secured additional funding from Snowy Mountain Development Corporation. The city recently completed a Wetland/Nature Trail Restoration Plan for contaminated area along the Musselshell River. The positive enthusiasm for the plan led the city to pursue a Community Led Concept Plan for the redevelopment of the historic railyard. The plan will explore options including added river access and amphitheater space. The Harlowton Rail Yard District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The roundhouse building is in a state of deterioration with deteriorated brick walls, broken windows, and missing portions of the roof paneling allowing water ingress.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will stabilize the buildings by restoring the exterior envelope and develop a feasibility study of potential reuse options reflective of community input from the Concept Plan which is being developed in 2020. The MHPG funds requested would repair the windows and doors, roof, and walls. A later phase of the project would fully renovate the building based on the conclusions of the feasibility study as a second phase. The project would enable the building to be fully renovated as part of the comprehensive site redevelopment to prevent further decay and demolition.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 29 – Spotted Bear Ranger Station near Hungry Horse  
National Forest Foundation  
History Museum (Maintenance) – Update the Displays, Install Wayfinding, and Install Heating System**

This application received 800 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 29 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$72,200	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
USDA – Forest Service Heritage Stewardship Enhancement Funds	Grant	\$30,000	Secured
Flathead National Forest	In-kind	\$5,000	Secured
Volunteers	In-kind	\$5,000	Secured
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$112,200</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Spotted Bear Ranger Station is located in the Spotted Bear Ranger District, a 1,037,083-acre area in the Flathead National Forest that encompasses part of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. There are four buildings that make up the Spotted Bear Ranger Station, but the project is for the Spotted Bear Museum. The Spotted Bear Museum contains displays on the history of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, along with information on outfitting and guiding services in the area. The U.S. Forest Service constructed the building in 1923 and it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Thousands of tourists and recreationists visit the Spotted Bear Museum each year, but it is only open upon request due to issues with staffing, security, and displays. The displays are not secured or signed, so staff must provide tours and many visitors do not know to ask for them. In addition, there is no heat in the building, which is detrimental for artifacts and uncomfortable for visitors. Finally, there is no signage or ADA accommodations for the museum, so it is difficult to find and access.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will allow the Spotted Bear Museum to open up to self-guided tours and education events. To do this, the applicant will update the displays to tell a cohesive and compelling story; this will also include signs and security to ensure that staffing is not necessary. In addition, the applicant will install electric baseboards and a wood burning stove to protect artifacts and create a welcoming environment during the shoulder seasons. Finally, the applicant will work with a youth crew to install wayfinding around the property, prepare the interior of the building, and modify for ADA accessibility.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; the SOI standards were not mentioned in the application.

**Project No. 29 – Opera House Theater in Philipsburg  
Philipsburg Playhouse Productions  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Renovate the Lobby, Ceiling, and Heating System**

This application received 800 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 29 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Mike McDowell, Building Owners	Capital	\$5,200	Committed
Robyn LK Pfahl, Grants Manager	In-Kind Donation	\$50,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$555,200</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1891, the McDonald Opera House Theater – known as the Philipsburg Theater – is the oldest operating theater in Montana and a contributing building to the Philipsburg Historic District. The applicant, Philipsburg Playhouse Productions, hosts plays, movies, concerts, and community discussions in the space.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Over the past century, the Philipsburg Theater has fallen into disrepair. The building is prohibitively expensive to heat. In addition, the roof leaked, which has caused cracks in the theater’s ceiling. Finally, the lobby is not conducive to socializing before or after events.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will renovate the lobby, repair the theater’s ceiling, and install a new heat source in the building.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Project No. 32 – Conservation Legacy Center in Missoula  
National Museum of Forest Service History  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Install Security System, Fire Protection, Climate Control, and Storage**

This application received 790 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 32 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Private Donors	Estate Funds	\$1,500,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$2,000,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** –The Museum of Forest Service History is a non-profit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to share the history of America’s conservation legacy. They are independent of the U.S. Forest Service. The museum currently has 55,000 items including: archival collection of photographs, documents, letters, instruments, objects and tools, and much of it available online. The museum regularly receives requests by historians, researchers, educators, students, and the general public for research assistance and loans to other museums. The collection is stored in temporary facilities in mid-town Missoula and is exposed to moderate to heavy dust. The museum does not control the temperature or humidity in that facility, and storage space is at a near maximum. The applicant notes that the storage facility currently has only basic security and fire prevention. The museum has been notified that this facility will be sold, requiring the collection to be moved. They are building a new Conservation Legacy Center on a 36-acre campus. The applicant has not raised all the money in their capital campaign to begin construction of the building that the application pertains to.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The location where they store their collection is being sold and exposes their collection to harm through dust, uncontrolled temperatures, lack of security, and lack of fire prevention.

**Proposed Solution** – Build a 30,000 square foot Conservation Legacy Center with repository on its 36-acre campus, a mile west of the Missoula Airport. MHPG funds would be used for professional security, fire protection, storage, and climate control in the repository to protect the collections.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has not considered the SOI standards and they may not be applicable.

**Project No. 33 – Dillon Public Library**  
**Dillon Public Library**  
**Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Repair Roof, Gutter, and Interior Plaster**

This application received 780 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 33 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$11,447	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Donors	Fundraising	\$2,861.75	<i>No details given</i>
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$14,308.75</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Public Library – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Dillon Public Library is a Carnegie Library that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1902, it is at the center of town and an architectural jewel in Beaverhead County. Over the past few years, there has been damage to the building from snow and rain that internally and externally enter the building.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Dillon Public Library’s gutters malfunction, which is exacerbated when there is the weight of snow on the roof and gutters. This causes snow and rain to internally and externally enter the building.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will fix the gutters, repair and/or install heat tape, add snow breaks, and waterproof the lower sections of stone and some of the upper sections of stone on the exterior of the building.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; they stated that they would adhere to the SOI’s standards for Preservation.

**Project No. 34 – Billings Depot  
Billings Depot Inc.  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Refinish Exterior Doors, Repair Concrete, Renovate Caboose, Install Roof Snow Spikes, Install Security Camera System and Audio-Visual Equipment, Install Parking Lot Signage, and Repair Flooring**

This application received 770 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 34 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$469,500	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
DBA/BPD CPTED	Grant	\$2,500	Pending
Depot International Operation Funding	Unknown	\$25,000	Committed
The Billings Depot	Insurance Claim	\$8,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$505,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Billings Depot was built in 1909 and was in regular use until 1979. The buildings were designed in the Beaux Arts Eclectic style and were used as a movie site in the 1990s. Since 2001 the structure has been renovated as an events facility for rent. The applicant notes that the building continues to play a large role in the cultural and historic fabric of Billings. The Billings Depot Campus consists of two parking lots, two tenant buildings which house a taproom and Billings Public Works, the main depot building, and a mail building used for pop-up retail space.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The applicant noted deficiencies such as the existing doors of the historic depot building have degraded over time due to exposure and deferred maintenance. There are damaged and degraded areas of concrete sidewalks throughout the campus. Deferred maintenance in the caboose has led to frequent break-ins, vandalism, and vagrancy. There is a need for roof and painting updates as well as new snow spikes. The facility needs better security/cameras to reduce vandalism and assist first responders in campus security. The applicant notes the need for general improvements to update AV/Tech systems throughout the campus for increased event and internal working capabilities. They want to repair of existing wood windows and trim, repair original window hardware, re-seal exterior brick, repaint the interior flooring, remove previous tenant signage and replace with new panels as various locations. Additionally, the applicant wants to repair/refinish multiple areas of worn and/or damaged wood flooring at the historic depot baggage room event space.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will address infrastructure, building updates, restoration, maintenance, and building code issues. It involves renovations which will enhance security, energy efficiency, and public safety so the depot can continue to host events. The proposed solutions include exterior door refinishing, repair flooring, restoration of damaged areas of concrete sidewalks and pathways, full restoration of caboose exterior, interior, roof repair, addition of a security camera (exterior), and general improvements to update AV/Tech systems. Additionally, the applicant proposed to repaint existing wood windows and trim, repair of original window hardware, re-seal exterior brick, and repaint the interior flooring. The applicant would remove and replace previous tenant signage.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards in their environmental review and notes that all work will be based on the standards in consultation with the City of Billings Historic Preservation Officer and State Historic Preservation Office.

**Project No. 34 – Yellowstone Historic Center in West Yellowstone  
Yellowstone Historic Center  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Remove Existing Flooring, Abate Asbestos, and Install Concrete Floor with  
In-Floor Radiant Heating in the Union Pacific Dining Lodge**

This application received 770 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 34 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$400,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Yellowstone Historic Center	Capital	\$50,000	Committed
Town of West Yellowstone	Capital Improvements	\$50,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Yellowstone Historic Center began managing the Museum of the Yellowstone in 2001. Located in West Yellowstone, the museum is housed within the historic depot. The Yellowstone Historic Center also operates the Union Pacific Dining Lodge building, which is next door to the museum, as an event space. The Yellowstone Historic Center wants to restore the floor in the Mammoth Room of the Union Pacific Dining Lodge. The Museum of the Yellowstone and the Union Pacific Dining Lodge are located in downtown West Yellowstone, next to the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ When the Union Pacific Dining Lodge was built in 1925, the floor of the Mammoth Room was concrete. In the 1960s, the concrete floor was replaced with vinyl tile to cover up damage; these vinyl tiles are deteriorating. In addition, the Union Pacific Dining Lodge is not usable in the off-season because it is not heated.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will first remove the vinyl tiles in the Union Pacific Dining Lodge; this will require asbestos mitigation. Then, the old concrete floors will be removed, and new concrete floors will be poured. In addition, the proposed project will install radiant, in-floor heating; to do this, the applicant will have to build a fire-rated mechanical room for the boiler system, install a gas-fired boiler/hydronic radiant system, configure this system through the walls of the building, and re-work the electrical and plumbing connections. This will convert the building into a year-round event space.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Condition** - If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.



**Project No. 36 – Roosevelt School Building in Red Lodge  
Red Lodge Area Community Foundation  
Historic Site (Fire Protection) – Install Fire Suppression System**

This application received 760 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 36 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$457,578	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Bank of Red Lodge	Loan	\$50,000	Committed
RLACF Roosevelt Circle	Grant	\$17,652	Committed
RLACF Pledges	Donations	\$2,015	Future Fundraising
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$527,115</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Red Lodge Area Community Foundation is in the process of repurposing the Old Roosevelt School into an art, cultural, conference, and events center. The building was constructed in 1911 with an addition added in the 1990s. After the building was abandoned as a school the applicant completed an adaptive reuse strategy and Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) to determine the best course of action for the building. The process involved further consultation with preservation professionals and community meetings. The applicant purchased the building in 2017 and have since rented a portion of the building out to small businesses and artists.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The building’s fire suppression system does not meet modern code requirements and limits the use of the third floor, resulting in 3,300 square feet in un-rentable space.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will complete buildings renovations as required to meet building code and fire protection occupancy standards including: updates to the fire suppression and alarm system, ADA improvements, bathroom improvements to increase capacity, and window replacement. The project will enable the use of 3,300 square feet of space to provide three rentable spaces for artists/small businesses and additional venue space.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 36 – Norton House in Columbus  
The Stillwater Historical Society  
Historical Society (Infrastructure) – Stabilize Foundation, Repair and Strengthen Brick, Replace Gutters, and  
Install Rock Apron to Control Water Erosion**

This application received 760 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 36 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$373,178	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Yellowstone Bank	Donation	\$2,000	Committed
First Interstate Bank	Donation	\$2,500	Committed
Stillwater County	Donation	\$25,000	Committed
Stillwater County	Donation	\$15,170	Committed
BNSF Foundation	Grant	\$38,550	Phases II-Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$456,398</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historical Society

**Project History** – The Norton House was constructed in 1899 and stands on the Stillwater County Courthouse square. The building is currently used for storage. A building assessment was conducted in 2014 and determined that overall the house is structurally sound but requires attention to prevent further deterioration.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Foundation walls have settled, causing the outer and interior walls to sag and floors to bow. There are cracks in the brick wall and separation of the exterior wythe. gutters are missing, and windowsills are not properly flashed.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will stabilize the foundation, repoint brick, replace and repair brick walls, fix and replace gutters, install a rock apron around the building, add extensions and splash blocks to all downspouts.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 38 – East Helena Volunteer Fireman’s Hall  
City of East Helena  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Renovate Hall**

This application received 750 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 38 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$200,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
ArtPlace America	Grant	\$180,000	Committed
USDA	Grant	\$225,000	Pending
Donors	Donations	\$115,000	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$720,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The City of East Helena has been working to enhance its economy and community identity, as a distinct community amongst the sprawl of adjacent Helena, and to rebuild economically from the closure of its largest employer in 1980. Recent community engagement leveraging a grant from ArtPlace, has identified an opportunity to develop a culinary food hub in the community, and a need for a community events and meeting space. The City of East Helena has identified the Fire Hall Building as the most feasible location to serve as a community meeting center and public kitchen space. The building has long served as a community meeting space but is in a dilapidated state and in need of significant upgrades to enable the full activation and use of the space. With funding through an ArtPlace grant, the applicant has completed a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) to determine the optimal renovation strategy and related costs and they are developing a full business plan for the use of the building as the East Helena Culinary Food/Culture Hub. The Fire Hall is currently city owned and operated with limited use.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Preliminary Architectural Report identified several deficiencies to the building which currently limit its use, including ADA non-compliance, deteriorated exterior stucco, interior paneling, and windows, and insufficient mechanical systems.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will completely renovate the building in accordance with the recommendations of the PAR and the Secretary of the Interior’s standards for preservation. The renovation will reveal and restore historic building features which have been lost or obscured by past building alterations. The project will allow the building to be activated as a community event and meeting center and will enable the development of the East Helena Food/Culture Hub.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards at this time.

**Project No. 39 – Conrad Mansion in Kalispell  
 Conrad Mansion Directors Inc. on behalf of the Conrad Mansion Museum  
 History Museum (Building Code Issue) – Upgrade Electrical Wiring**

This application received 740 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 39 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$36,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$36,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – History Museum

**Project History** – The Conrad Mansion is an entity of the City of Kalispell. The Conrad Mansion was donated to the city in 1975 by Alicia Conrad Campbell. It receives approximately 7,000 visitors a year. The Conrad Mansion also holds many events in Kalispell such as weddings, meetings, and conventions. The Conrad Mansion was the first structure to have electricity in the Flathead Valley in 1895 and the Conrad Mansion is still using a majority of those outdated systems to this day.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Conrad Mansion operates on original cloth wiring, mica knob and tube, crumbling porcelain insulators, and melted and warped contacts which are exposed and are a safety hazard to staff and contractors. Some of the structure’s wiring has been repaired in section, some without professional expertise. The applicant notes that the result “being a convoluted and chaotic mess of wire from various decades.” Other issues associated with the wiring include electrical boxes being placed dangerously close to the gas main. The Conrad Mansion’s tours are also affected by fuses constantly blowing out in various rooms as a result of high amperage use that was not originally planned for in the design.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will bring the Conrad Mansion into fire code compliance by installing a 200-amp panels and moving it away from the gas line supplying the house. The original 19<sup>th</sup> century wiring and fixtures will still be on display inside the Conrad Mansion. The applicant notes that it would be disconnected and replaced with modern Montana building code-regulated wiring, which will be out of view from visitor. In addition, the applicant would be able to provide a consistent power stream to its outdoor venue.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has not considered the SOI standards at this time.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must document that its fiscal agent or association is in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State and has proper tracking and financial reporting in place, prior to executing a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce. The fiscal agent or association will be the recipient of the grant award and becomes the legal applicant of record, manages the disbursement of grant funds according to the Commerce reimbursement processes, and is responsible for all the requirements of the specific grant.

**Project No. 39 – Deer Lodge Visitor Center and Discover Deer Lodge  
Deer Lodge Development Group, Inc. dba Discover Deer Lodge  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Improve Façade and Renovate Interior**

This application received 740 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 39 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
<b>Interior Renovations</b>			
Fundraising	Cash	\$11,000	Committed
Fundraising	Cash	\$69,000	Pending
<b>Façade and Signage</b>			
MHPG	Grant	\$50,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Fundraising	Cash	\$5,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$135,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – Discover Deer Lodge Development Group is a non-profit formed in 2017 to promote visitation and development in Deer Lodge. The group is in the process of renovating the building at 502 Main Street into a visitor’s center and office for the organization. The building was built in 1910 and saw major restoration following a fire in the 1960s. Currently, the building’s historic façade is obscured behind a later false façade. The building’s electrical and plumbing have been updated in the past 25 years, and a new roof was installed within the last two years. The group is in the process of undertaking a complete renovation of the building.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The building’s interior is not suitable for occupancy, and the original façade has been cladded over. Though the electrical and plumbing systems were updated within the last 25 years, interior renovations will necessitate some new plumbing and wiring.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will restore the original building façade and install a new neon sign to match the style of historic signs on key downtown buildings. The improvements are the culminating phase of a complete building renovation. The building will house the Discover Deer Lodge office and a visitor’s center to promote and connect people to historic and recreation attractions in the Deer Lodge area. The project helps to link the bookend attractions in Deer Lodge, Grant Kohrs National Historic Site and the Old Deer Lodge Prison, with the historic downtown.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 39 – Wheeler Property in Glacier National Park  
 Glacier National Park Conservancy  
 Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Restore Property to House the Waterton-Glacier Peace Park**

This application received 740 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 39 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$493,200	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
GNPC	Grant	\$117,105	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$610,305</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity - Historic Site

**Project History** – Located on the shores of Lake MacDonald in Glacier National Park, the Wheeler cabin is the last remaining building of the Wheeler property, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008, and owned by U.S. Senator Burton Wheeler who was in office from 1922-1947. The other historic properties that comprised the site were destroyed by the 2019 Howe Ridge fire. The property was owned by the Wheeler family until 2014, when it was transferred to Glacier National Park through life estate. In 2015, the Glacier National Park Conservancy and their partners began outlining a plan for the cabins future use, developing into a plan for the Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Center. The center will serve as an education and cultural center.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Immediate: Roof, plumbing and electrical upgrades including new septic system. Urgent: Structural repairs, regrading, window and door restoration, improve accessibility. The applicant has completed a conditions assessment of the property and prioritized needed repairs.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will renovate the historic cabin and grounds to be used as the Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Center. MHPG funds would be used to address immediate and urgent building issues. The project will complete exterior repairs and stabilize the buildings foundation. The project would make the cabin fully ADA accessible. Additional improvements to the septic systems, interior, and grounds will be completed in additional phases.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; as an NPS property, consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and Section 106 review are being undertaken.

**Project No. 39 – The O’Rourke Building in Butte**  
**The O’Rourke Building, LLC**  
**Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Stabilize Foundation and Walls of the North Annex**

This application received 740 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 39 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$457,254	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
The O’Rourke Building LLC	Capital	\$1,679,996	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$2,151,250</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The O’Rourke Building is situated in Uptown Butte, Montana. It is comprised of two structures; the North Building built in 1876 and the South Building built in 1934. The O’Rourke Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a contributing element of the Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark District. The structure has been vacant since the 1980s. The applicant is renovating the structure into apartments; they have completed the rough in on the South Building and need utility electric and gas hookup to the property, which can be done by preserving the North Building’s annex.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The applicant has two options for hooking up electric and gas: they could use a preapproved location with the Historic Preservation Office on the North Building’s annex, or they could demolish this historic structure and build a non-historic wall accessory. To use the preapproved location on the North Building’s annex, the applicant would have to conduct extensive structure and foundation repairs so that this historic structure can structurally support utilities. These issues were caused by a car hitting the building and a failing roof; the northwest corner of the North Building’s annex is failing on all three floors and there are foundational issues, which have caused slumping of the exterior brick and window frames.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will rebuild this infrastructure on the North Building’s annex, saving this historic structure from falling on its own or being demolished. This will require rebuilding the entire west wall, northwest corner, and part of the north wall from the basement to the roof of the North Building’s annex.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards.

**Project No. 43 – Civic Center in Great Falls  
City of Great Falls  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Replace the Exterior Concrete Panels, Steps, and Roof**

This application received 730 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 42 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
TIF Finance Bond	TIF	Up to \$5,000,000	Pending City Commission approval
Voter Approved Construction Bond	Loan	Up to \$5,000,000	Pending City Commission approval to put before voters
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$5,513,126.30</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1939, the Great Falls Civic Center is on the National Register of Historic Places as a primary contributing building within the Great Falls Railroad Historic District. Along with housing city government, the building is significant because of its Moderne architectural design and association with the prominent architects George Shanley and Johannes van Teylingen.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The cast stone panels on the façade of the Civic Center have been deteriorating for the past ten years due to moisture and oxygen infiltration. This issue has affected the aesthetic appeal of the building, and it has created safety issues that must be addressed as soon as possible. In addition, the façade problem has been exacerbated by the incorrect application of the roofing and flashing.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace the damaged cast stone panels on the Eastern façade of the Civic Center, along with the cast stone panels that have not yet shown signs of deterioration. In addition, deteriorating concrete steps at the front of the building and the decorative dentils at the cap of the building will be replaced. Finally, the roofing, coping, and flashing will be replaced to ensure that the Civic Center will last for another 100 years.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; the applicant stated that “the proposed project will follow the Secretary of the Interior’s (SOI) Standards for Rehabilitation as closely as possible.”



**Project No. 43 – Riverside Park in Laurel**  
**City of Laurel**  
**Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Rehabilitate Five Historic Structures**

This application received 730 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 43 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$432,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$432,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Riverside Park complex in Laurel is situated on the banks of the Yellowstone River and includes five historic buildings from the early 1900s: the Jaycee’s Hall, Rod and Gun Club, Rifle Club, American Legion Hall, and Caretakers House. The park has provided the community with recreational opportunities and river access for decades. The Yellowstone River flood in 2011 flooded much of the park complex, causing damage to the buildings and camping facilities. Since then, the campground and park buildings have been unused. The applicant recently completed a Riverside Park Masterplan to guide the restoration and reopening of the park. They have begun to implement the plan, recently beginning construction work to reopen the campground. They are seeking MHPG funding to restore four of the historic buildings in the park complex.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Yellowstone River flood in 2011 caused flood damage the buildings in the park complex. The Jaycee’s Hall is identified as the only structure to avoid significant flood damage. An assessment of the Caretakers House determined it was beyond repair and would require demolition. Other deficiencies including roof deterioration and deferred maintenance are identified which limit the city’s ability to place the buildings again into active public use.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will assess and mitigate identified deficiencies in 4 of the buildings to enable their reopening as part of the park complex. Major repairs would include roof and foundation repair for the buildings, and repairs to interior, exterior, and flooring systems as required for each building. The project would include repairing the septic system, bathroom, and kitchen in the American Legion Building, replacing the heating system in the Rod and Gun Club Building, and abating lead in the Rifle Club Building. The project would also implement flood proofing measures. The restored buildings would be support park activities and rented out for events to support continued park maintenance and improvements.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 43 – The YWCA in Helena  
The YWCA of Helena, Montana  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Improve the Façade and Repair Windows and Doors**

This application received 730 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 43 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$393,135	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Individual Supporters	Donations	\$13,682	Board commitment
Private Foundations	Grant	\$30,000	Verbal commitment
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$436,817</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Since 1918, the YWCA has been housed in a three-story building in downtown Helena, Montana. The YWCA provided, and continues to provide, guidance in accessing available resources and transitional housing. Unfortunately, years of deferred building maintenance and prohibitive costs have degraded the YWCA’s ability to serve the housing needs of Helena’s vulnerable population. Previous capital campaigns have prioritized the interior living spaces, but there are crucial exterior rehabilitation and restoration projects.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The exterior building issues for the YWCA include energy inefficiencies, health and safety concerns, and water infiltration to the interior of the structure.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will improve the exterior of the YWCA through restoring the windows, repointing the masonry, rehabilitating the water infiltration from the south patio and exterior wall, repairing the soffits and trim, painting the exterior, and replacing the doors.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; the applicant referenced the SOI standards throughout the application.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 46 – Black Bear Inn in Thompson Falls  
Daniel Moore on behalf of Black Bear Inn, Inc.  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Rehabilitate Roof, Windows, and Brick**

This application received 720 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 46 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$57,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Daniel Moore	Cash	\$38,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$95,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Ward Hotel was constructed in 1907 in Thompson Falls. The building was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. Now known as the Black Bear Inn, the applicant completed a feasibility study in 2019 and has prioritized rehabilitation of the roof, windows, and historic brickwork.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The building has a deteriorating roof, windows, and brick work veneer is degrading.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will include roof repair, window replacements, and brick work veneer repairs.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Conditions** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review. And if funded, the applicant must document that its fiscal agent or association is in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State and has proper tracking and financial reporting in place, prior to executing a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce. The fiscal agent or association will be the recipient of the grant award and becomes the legal applicant of record, manages the disbursement of grant funds according to the Commerce reimbursement processes, and is responsible for all the requirements of the specific grant.

**Project No. 47 – Old Town Hall in Shelby  
City of Shelby  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Repair Roof**

This application received 710 points out of a possible 1100 points and ranked 47 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$9,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
City of Shelby	General Funds	\$3,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$12,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The City of Shelby’s Town hall was built in 1923 and named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. The roof has deteriorated due to age and weather with pooling of water on it.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The building needs its roof repaired.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will include roof restoration with prep and new spray foam insulation.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards and consulted with SHPO.

**Project No. 47 – Placer School in Winston  
Montana Business Assistance Connection on behalf of the Placer School  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Preserve Exterior**

This application received 710 points out of a possible 1100 points and ranked 47 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$59,650	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Owners	Cash	\$10,000	Committed
Donors	Donation	\$25,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		\$94,650	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Placer School is a one-room stone schoolhouse in Winston, Montana. The school was identified through Montana Preservation Alliance’s statewide schoolhouse survey and featured in the definitive book *Visions and Voices: Montana’s One Room Schoolhouses*. The school is located on a working private cattle ranch and was actively used from ca. 1900 until 1945. The building has been vacant since 1945 and has had a portion of the roof missing since the 2000s. Montana Preservation Alliance and a team including a historic architect, traditional mason, and restoration carpenters, successfully stabilized the failing stone foundation and gable end stonework on the school. Montana Preservation Alliance also worked with the Broadwater County High School, teaching the students to build all the windows to replace the old ones that could not be salvaged. The applicant wants to complete the restoration of the schoolhouse to use it as a local venue for educational programs, events, overnight lodgings, and for block management hunting and agritourism.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Placer School has deteriorated from years of vacancy and a missing roof.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed solution is broken out into two different phases. Phase 1: install a new roof, complete masonry repointing, install rebuilt windows, and close in the building from the weather. Phase 2: rebuild missing doors, restore interior wood trim, plasterwork on walls and ceilings, reinforce floor joists, repair and relay the wood floor.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did consider the SOI standards; they note that they will adhere to the SOI standards and work with architects familiar with historic preservation.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must document that its fiscal agent or association is in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State and has proper tracking and financial reporting in place, prior to executing a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce. The fiscal agent or association will be the recipient of the grant award and becomes the legal applicant of record, manages the disbursement of grant funds according to the Commerce reimbursement processes, and is responsible for all the requirements of the specific grant.

**Project No. 49 – Historic Red Brick Building in Hardin  
City of Hardin on behalf of Dan’s Custom Design  
Historic Site (Maintenance/Security) – Renovate and Improve the Mechanical System**

This application received 680 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 49 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$33,390	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Dan’s Custom Design, LLC	Business Equity	\$8,348	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$41,738</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The single-story building at 309 N Center Avenue in Hardin is a contributing structure to the Hardin Historic Commercial District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building was built in 1908 and remodeled after a fire in 1910 as the Big Horn Pool Hall. The building served several other purposes over the years, including a confectionary owned by Montana State Senator John Putnam. Hardin Photo Service operated the building from 1954 until its recent purchase by Dan’s Custom Designs in January 2020. Established in 2016, the growing company made the decision to relocate to downtown, desiring to help catalyze economic development and vibrancy in the downtown district. The building at 309 N Center Avenue has undergone alterations over the years and requires renovation to support business activity.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The building has deficiencies in its HVAC and electrical systems and is in need of interior and exterior restoration work to windows, doors, ceilings, and floors.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will be divided into two phases. The scope of this grant request is for phase one which would address issues in order to achieve occupancy of the building, replacing doors and windows, updating HVAC and electrical systems to meet building code, and completing minor interior renovations. Additionally, phase one would include completing a complete renovation plan in coordination with a local contractor. The full scope of the renovation would be completed in phase two.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did consider the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 49 – Rocky Mountain Building in Great Falls  
Community Health Care Center, Inc. dba Alluvion Health  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Renovate Building**

This application received 680 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 49 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Federal Historic Tax Credits	Tax Credits	\$2,100,000	Dependent on project starting
State Historic Tax Credits	Tax Credits	\$525,000	Dependent on project starting
New Market Tax Credits	Tax Credits	\$1,500,000	Dependent on project starting
Grants	Grants	\$875,000	10%
Donations	Donations	\$10,500,000	10%
Community Health Care Center, Inc.	Retained Earnings	\$3,500,000	10%
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$18,000,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1913, the Rocky Mountain Building is in downtown Great Falls, Montana. This six-story, 66,000 square foot structure has been vacant since it was damaged by a fire in 2009. Alluvion Health, one of Montana’s 14 Community Health Centers, would renovate the structure as a mixed-use facility.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The Rocky Mountain Building was damaged by a fire in 2009. As a result, a portion of the roof is open to the elements and structural elements that support the roof and fourth floor wall are compromised.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will renovate the entire Rocky Mountain Building; the application did not break down the renovation with a list of projects.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there were no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Project No. 49 – Alberton Railroad Depot  
Town of Alberton  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Replace Windows in the Alberton Community Center**

This application received 680 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 49 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$40,168	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$40,168</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Alberton Rail Depot was built in 1908 as part of a larger rail complex supporting the Milwaukee Road. Since the closure of the line in 1980, Alberton has worked to transition the economy. The community secured funds to refurbish the depot and turn the rail yard into a community park. The depot is now the primary community center for Alberton, housing the library and senior center, and hosting over 250 meetings and gatherings a year. The building provides free meeting space for several local groups and can be rented for weddings and other private functions. As part of larger maintenance and renovation efforts the City of Alberton began a window replacement project in 2018, securing \$10,000 in funding to replace 4-6 windows.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Alberton Depot’s windows are deteriorated with cracks in the panes and rotten sills. The deteriorated windows contribute to condensation build up and heat loss to the structure. Additionally, the building has lead paint requiring work to follow appropriate lead procedures.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace the remaining 17 windows with new wooden windows and replace the interior and exterior trim to match the original. All windows will be replaced with units of uniform style and in keeping with the character of the original sashes.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.



**Project No. 52 – Hammond Arcade Building in Missoula  
Caras Real Estate LLC  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Restore Interior and Exterior**

This application received 670 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 52 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$496,492	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Caras Real Estate LLC	Capital	\$248,210	Secured
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$744,702</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1934, the Hammond Arcade is a two-story building in downtown Missoula; the first floor consists of active commercial spaces and the lower floor is mostly unused. The Hammond Arcade is situated in a central and historic area of Missoula; it is adjacent to the Wilma Theater and across the street from the iconic Florence Hotel.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Hammond Arcade’s appearance and operation are degraded after decades of deferred maintenance and questionable renovations. The historic integrity of the building remains, but the masonry battlements on the façade are deteriorating, the upper glazings are boarded over, and some of the original first floor openings (such as a coal deliver door) are closed off.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will restore the Hammond Arcade. First, the doors and windows on the lower level of the building will be opened to allow natural light. Second, the lower level will be renovated into a commercial space, along with a permanent display that will be the Unseen Missoula Pop-Up Museum. Finally, heating and cooling efficiencies and accessibility will be improved throughout the building.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Project No. 52 – Ashby Cabin in Lincoln  
Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Society  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Relocate Cabin and Install Artifact Storage and Climate Control System**

This application received 670 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 52 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$31,150	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$31,150</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – History Museum

**Project History** – The Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Society (UBVHS) preserves and interprets a collection of historic artifacts from the Blackfoot Valley as well as a collection of historic cabins from the Lincoln area. Currently, most of their collection is located on the Hi-Country Snack Foods property outside of Lincoln. The museum is in the process of establishing a new museum campus in the downtown area. The UBVHS has recently acquired the historic Matt King House and is in the process of reassembling the house on a newly acquired property in downtown Lincoln as the first phase in developing the new campus. The UBVHS is planning to relocate the Ashby Cabin from the Hi-Country site to the new downtown location.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Ashby Cabin is currently used for artifact storage but lacks the proper climate control systems to properly preserve the collection. The structure’s current location is separated from the town and sees limited visitation.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will relocate the Ashby Cabin to a central location in Lincoln, joining the Matt King House which is in the process of being reassembled on the property. The building would be placed on a permanent foundation and proper climate control systems installed. The two cabins together will form the nucleus of the new museum which is better connected to downtown Lincoln. The intent of the relocation is to generate higher visibility and visitation and better connect the museum with to local businesses downtown.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 52 – St. Patrick’s Mission in Butte  
World Museum of Mining  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Stabilize Walls, Repair Floors and Windows, and Upgrade Electrical System**

This application received 670 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 52 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$34,740	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Kirby Matthew, Retired USFS Historic Preservation Specialist	Cash	\$2,580	In-Kind
World Museum of Mining	General Budget	\$6,100	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		\$43,420	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The St. Patrick’s Mission was built in 1922. The Mission sat in Brown’s Gulch 10 miles west of Butte until 1976 when the structure was moved to its present location at the World Museum of Mining. The roof was replaced in 2004. The long walls are distorted in the middle, believed to be due to the small log diameter of several logs that have caused a mid-splice. There are also large penetrations in each wall which add to the problem. The floors are also due to be refinished. The roof is in good condition but needs to be cleaned and oiled.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Walls are distorted, windows are in need of repair, floors are worn, roof needs cleaned, and electrical is dated.

**Proposed Solution** – Stabilize and straighten the walls by adding vertical beams and re-daubing the walls. Paint and reglaze windows, replace one window, refinish floors, clean and oil the roof, install new power feeds to the church and replace wiring. Install new lighting.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** –It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 55 – Kinney Building in Wibaux  
3D4B Properties, Inc. on behalf of the Kinney Block  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Repair Basement Walls, Improve Façade, Upgrade ADA Features, and  
Complete a Preliminary Architectural Report**

This application received 660 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 55 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$76,687.50	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
3D4B Properties, Inc.	Loan	\$25,562.50	Pending award
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$102,250</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Kinney Block/First National Bank Building in Wibaux was built in 1910 with multiple commercial spaces on the ground floor and bank offices on the second. In the 1950s the building was converted to the Palace Hotel and Café with the hotel closing in the 1980s and the café continuing to operate. Currently, the building houses the Palace Café, 6 apartments, and city offices on the ground floor. The second floor is vacant. The current owner purchased the building in 2019 and has begun making improvements to capitalize on the buildings economic and historic value.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Palace Café entrance is not ADA accessible, deteriorated basement foundation wall, leaking roof, deterioration of exterior painted surfaces, and lack of lighting in hallway.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will address the most immediate deficiencies and complete a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) to assess the needs of the building and the feasibility of renovating the second floor as a bed and breakfast/ hotel. The project will provide ADA accessibility to the building, repair a basement wall which has water damage, repair a roof leak, repaint siding and trim, and add lighting to the hallway.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must document that its fiscal agent or association is in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State and has proper tracking and financial reporting in place, prior to executing a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce. The fiscal agent or association will be the recipient of the grant award and becomes the legal applicant of record, manages the disbursement of grant funds according to the Commerce reimbursement processes, and is responsible for all the requirements of the specific grant.

**Project No. 56 – Fromberg Opera House  
American Legion Post 71 Fromberg, MT  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Replace Roof, Upgrade ADA Features**

This application received 640 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 56 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$74,679	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
	Grant	\$15,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$89,679</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Fromberg Opera House was built in 1908 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building was purchased by the Fromberg American Legion Post 71 in 1940 and has since served as their assembly hall and a gathering place for the community to host functions and events. The building has fallen into disrepair and is in need of renovation to enable its continued and intensified use as a needed community and event center. The applicant has been undertaking fundraising efforts to complete needed repairs.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Failing roof shingles causing water ingress and damage, lack of ADA accessibility to building, and general deterioration of interior features partially related to water ingress.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace the building’s roof and install sidewalks and ramps to meet ADA standards. These immediate improvements will enable the buildings immediate use, forestall further water damage, and allow for additional phases of renovation to improve the building’s interior.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards.

**Project No. 56 – City Hall in Deer Lodge  
City of Deer Lodge  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Stabilize Exterior and Complete Preliminary Architectural Report**

This application received 640 points out of a possible 1100 points and ranked 56 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

Funding Source	Type of Funds	Amount	Status of Funds
MHPG	Grant	\$243,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
City of Deer Lodge	City Reserves	\$28,000	To be obligates FY2022 and FY2023
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$271,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The City of Deer Lodge’s City Hall was built in 1919 and is in use as the seat of local government. The City wants to begin planning for restoring the facility and renovate space in the upper levels for improved access and usability by city department staff and the public. The City of Deer Lodge additionally has some deteriorating exterior elements that they want to repair.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The building needs exterior element stabilization to safeguard from further deterioration. Additionally, the applicant notes they need a preliminary architectural report to provide analyses and alternatives for renovating the interior of city hall to help make the facility ADA compliant and utilize the upper floors.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will stabilize exterior elements including reapplication of skim coating to the front columns, stabilize and renovate the clock tower, paint the concrete, stabilize the stone/concrete mantels and lintels, repair the mortar, preplace the crack and/or nonfunctioning windows along with developing a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR).

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards; they plan to consult with the historic preservation commission.

**Project No. 56 – Old Fort Benton  
River & Plains Society’s Fort Benton Reconstruction Committee  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Reconstruct Wall and Upgrade Kitchen**

This application received 640 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 56 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$232,279	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Organizational Funds	Grant	\$68,000	Earmarked
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$300,279</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Historic Old Fort Benton is a reconstructed fort, however, the blockhouse on the new corner of the structure is original and the oldest standing building in Montana. The reconstruction began in 1995 and is two-thirds complete. The kitchen was a two-story building and originally completed in 1854. This building no longer exists on the site. This building is noted as the next building to be reconstructed within the fort.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The Old Fort Benton complex does not have the kitchen building.

**Proposed Solution** – The applicant proposes to construct the kitchen and wall.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant has considered the SOI standards; they consulted with the State Historic Preservation Office and archaeologists.

**Project No. 59 – City Hall in Dillon  
City of Dillon  
Historic Site (Building Code Issue) – Install Elevator and Upgrade ADA Features**

This application received 630 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 59 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
City of Dillon	Grant	\$100,000	Budget
Local Fundraising and Donations	Donations	\$400,000	In progress
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$900,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Local Government – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Dillon City Hall was constructed in 1914 to the design of Bozeman architect Red Wilson. The building continues to serve the community as city hall, housing city offices, council chambers, and a second-floor auditorium space. Partition walls have been added to the ground floor to meet office needs, and the second floor remains largely in its original form. A 2006 ADA study of the building noted some accessibility issues. The City of Dillon commissioned a feasibility study to assess the buildings comprehensive renovation needs.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- Interior doors, and restrooms are not ADA compliant, the basement and second floor are not ADA accessible.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will reconfigure the reception and restroom areas, enlarge doorways, improve fire escape, and insert a new elevator into the lobby area to improve access to the second floor. The proposed project would make the building fully ADA compliant and improve access to the second-floor auditorium space.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.



**Project No. 59 – Granite Ghost Town State Park  
Granite Ghost Town State Park  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Replace Roof of the Superintendent’s House**

This application received 630 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 59 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$32,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
State Parks Budget	Cash	\$4,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		\$36,000	

**Applicant Type:** State Park – Historic Site

**Project History** – Granite Ghost Town is a Montana State Park consisting of two buildings within the Granite Historic District: The Miners’ Union Hall and the Superintendent’s House. Mining in the area began in 1875 and most of the buildings were constructed between 1884 and 1893. The Superintendent’s House has a failing roof due to harsh conditions and heavy snowfall but otherwise is in good condition. The roof was last replaced in 1990. State Park’s recommended the building receive a new roof in 2012 and completed a Facility Condition Inventory on the structure in 2015. The proposed project is to replace the Superintendent’s House’s roof. The applicant notes that this would preserve one of the few remaining buildings in the Granite townsite and the last of the larger buildings with an intact roof.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The Superintendents’ House’s roof is failing.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace sheathing, ice and water barrier on eaves valleys and ridges, reflashing, and installation of #1 sawn cedar shingles and cedar ridge cap.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did consider the SOI standards; they will consult with State Historic Preservation Office.

**Project No. 59 – Troy Museum and Visitor Center**  
**Troy Museum and Visitor Center**  
**History Museum (Maintenance) – Install ADA Accessible Door and Complete Exhibit Building Addition**

This application received 630 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 59 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$4904.25	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
City of Troy	General Fund	\$1634.75	Unknown
<b>Project Total</b>		\$6,539	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Troy Museum and Visitor Center, established in 1987, needs a second entry/exit door that meets ADA accessibility requirements. The applicant notes that the main building is one of Troy’s first buildings. Additionally, the applicant wants to add an adjacent interpretive building to house donated items and be used as an exhibit building. The current building is noted as having limited space within to walk and needs more space for safety of the visitors and volunteers.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- Lack of ADA accessible entrance and lack of space in the main building.

**Proposed Solution** – Install an ADA accessible door and add an additional exhibit building.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 62 – Miles City Elks Lodge #537**  
**Miles City Elks Lodge #537**  
**Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Upgrade Plumbing System, Electrical System, and ADA Features and Repair Windows**

This application received 610 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 62 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Wal-Mart	Donation of Supplies	\$500	Committed
Elks Members	Volunteer Hours	\$135,000	Volunteer Hours-To be completed
	Cash Donation	\$3,000	Cash-Unknown
Wal-Mart Employees	Volunteer Hours	\$2,850	To be completed
<b>Project Total</b>		\$645,850	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The applicant notes that The Elks have lacked the funding needed to address infrastructure issues such as plumbing, electrical, windows, and accessibility in the Miles City Elks Lodge. There have been improvements made to the wiring and heating to provide heat and electricity to the lower level and main floor, however, the third floor currently has no heat source. Many areas of the building need wiring updates. Entrances and bathrooms need to be updated for greater accommodation and accessibility.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Outdated plumbing and electrical. The windowpanes are loosening. The furnace on the third floor is unusable. Bathrooms need to be updated to increase accommodation and accessibility.

**Proposed Solution** – Bring windows up to date by re-caulking/insulating/preserving the leaded glass/repainting the wood frames. Update the heating for the second and third floor. Remove the old furnace and removal of asbestos from the pipes of the furnace. Replace seven fuse boxes with new breaker panels. Update the plumbing in needed areas of the building.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 62 – W. A. Clark Prison Theater in Deer Lodge  
Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Repair Roof and Improve Building Structure**

This application received 610 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 62 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$218,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$218,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The 1919 W. A. Clark Prison Theater is listed as one of two of the most historical buildings in the Old Montana State Prison complex by the National Register of Historic Places. The complex is in Deer Lodge, Montana and owned by the by the Montana Department of Corrections. The Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation (PCAMF) maintains and runs the facility. On December 3, 1975 the theater was gutted by a fire and the roof collapsed into the building. No work was done to restore it as the Montana Department of Corrections was moving to the new prison in 1976. A new roof was put onto it in 1980 however the applicant notes it wasn't done well and the issues were never resolved. The building was still useable as part of a walking tour however four years ago pigeons started pecking the building resulting in bricks falling inside and outside. The building needs a new roof and brick repairs of the exterior walls to prevent collapse.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant's needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The roof of the building is degraded due to faulty construction in the 1980s along with pigeon damage. The exterior brick walls need repairs. Details on why were not in this section of the application however in Criterion B it appears the pigeons have damaged them as well.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace the existing roof with a new roof. In addition, it will include brick repairs to the exterior walls.

**Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 64 – Huntley Project Museum  
Huntley Project Museum  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Construct a New Storage Building**

This application received 600 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 64 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$41,805	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Museum Building Fund	General Fund	\$13,935	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		\$55,740	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Huntley Project Museum is submitting an application for a new storage building because there was damage to their existing storage building from a severe hailstorm on August 11, 2019. They note that the storm carried baseball-sized hail and winds estimated at up to 70 miles per hour. The existing storage building is damaged beyond repair, including holes in the roof, walls, and doors.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The existing storage building used for collections is damaged beyond repair, including holes in the roof, walls and doors.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will build a new weatherproof storage building with concrete flooring, lights, and organized shelving for both temporary and long-term storage of artifacts and donated items.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and it may not be applicable.

**Conditions** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 64 – Sacred Heart Church in Harlem  
 Sacred Heart Pink Church, Highway 2  
 Historic Site (Maintenance) – Repair Roof, Stucco, and Floor, Paint Interior and Exterior,  
 and Install New Windows and Doors**

This application received 600 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 64 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$132,100	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Unspecified	Grant	\$10,000	Pending
Fundraising	Cash	\$6,500	Uncommitted
Volunteer Hours	In-Kind	\$13,380	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$151,980</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Sacred Heart Church, commonly known as the “Pink Church” was constructed in the mission-style in the late 1920s to serve a primarily Native American congregation near Harlem, Montana. The church was built as part of the Jesuit missionary activities on the Fort Belknap Reservation. The church was abandoned in 1964 and is currently shuttered and in disrepair. The adjacent cemetery is still in use as an active burial ground.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The building is in a general state of disrepair, have minimal maintenance completed since its closure. Major issues identified include failed exterior stucco, need for a new roof, deterioration of windows and doors, and need for floor and wall repairs to the interior.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will involve two phases. Phase one will restore the exterior, protecting the building from the elements and further deterioration. Phase two would clear out the interior and repair the floors and walls to enable the space to be used for gatherings, primarily to support funeral services.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 66 – Rundle Building in Glasgow  
Rundle Restoration Project LLC  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Improve Façade and Renovate Commercial Spaces**

This application received 590 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 66 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$489,600	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
No details given	No details given	\$162,000	No details given
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$651,600</b>	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1916, the Rundle Building is located in downtown Glasgow, Montana. The building houses Rundle Suites, a 47-room hotel that has been 80% renovated in the last few years. In addition, the building houses Soma Dis, a deli and café, and BS Central, a print shop, on the first floor along with two other unrenovated and unoccupied commercial spaces.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The terracotta brickwork, raised arches, and parapet walls are deteriorating. In addition, the two commercial spaces on the first floor are demolished but unfinished.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will restore the façade of the Rundle Building. In addition, it will renovate the two commercial spaces on the first floor the structure.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Project No. 67 – Big Timber Civic Center**  
**Big Timber Civic Center**  
**Historic Site (Maintenance) – Repair Gym Floor, Bleachers, Exterior Siding, Exterior Wall, and Roof; Upgrade Plumbing and Electrical Systems, Install Fire Alarm System, and Complete Preliminary Architectural Report**

This application received 580 points out of a possible 1100 points and ranked 67 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$476,440	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Sweet Grass County Commissioners	Metal Mines Funds	\$33,000	Secured
Sweet Grass County High School	Metal Mines Funds	\$33,000	Secured
Big Timber Grade School	Metal Mines Funds	\$33,000	Secured
Sibanye-Stillwater Mine	Community Giving Grant	\$100,000	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$675,440</b>	

**Applicant Type:** School District – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Big Timber Civic Center, built in 1947, is a historically and culturally significant building in Sweet Grass County. The building is 22,400 square feet. The first floor contains a basketball court and stage, while the second floor contains a meeting area and rifle range. Although the Big Timber Civic Center is owned by the Sweet Grass County High School, other schools and community groups use the space, making it one of the most heavily used community facilities in Sweet Grass County. More than 250 community events are held at the building each year; these events include athletic classes, extra-curricular activities, music concerts, art shows, craft shows, gun shows, health fairs, election day events, haunted houses, carnivals, walking space for senior citizens, and emergency site for the American Red Cross during disasters in Sweet Grass County. The Big Timber Civic Center used to adjoin the 1905 Sweet Grass High School, but this building was destroyed in an arson fire in October 2017.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The 2008 Montana Civic Center Facility Assessment identified various deficiencies at the Big Timber Civic Center, which are listed by priority: the gym floor is worn out and buckling, the bleachers are inoperable, the side of the building that used to adjoin the 1905 Sweet Grass High School is not properly sided due to the arson fire, the plumbing system is not reliable, the existing electrical wiring may not be code compliant, the building does not have a fire alarm system, and the roof, drains, and exterior walls may be leaking and requiring repair.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will address as many of these issues as possible. In order of priority, it will include replacing the gym floor and bleachers, re-siding the side of the building that used to adjoin the 1905 Sweet Grass High School, removing and replacing the plumbing and electrical work, installing a fire alarm system, and inspecting and repairing the roof, drains, and exterior walls as needed.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must submit their notes and advertisement for the environmental review.



**Project No. 67 – Bell Street Bridge in Glendive  
Dawson County Bell Street Bridge Committee  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)**

This application received 580 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 67 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$60,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Dawson County	Capital	\$5,000	Secured
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$65,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1926, the Bell Street Bridge is an iconic landmark in Dawson County. The structure is a Warren Through Truss bridge, meaning that it has a cross-member structure of alternating equilateral triangles. The Bell Street Bridge is one of the longest Warren Through Truss bridges in Montana at 1,352 feet. In addition, the structure was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. In 1992, the Bell Street Bridge was converted to pedestrian use. Since this switch, only a few projects have been conducted to improve and maintain the structure, such as replacing 750 feet of concrete curbing and installing new lighting to improve safety and visibility. In addition, the structure no longer qualifies for yearly inspections by the MDOT since it is now a pedestrian bridge.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The trusses on the Bell Street Bridge show signs of rust; the asphalt overlay on the walkway has worn away, allowing rainwater to pool on the structure; 1,900 feet of curbing has worn away, exposing rusting rebar and creating gaps under the safety railing; and there is a general concern about the structural integrity of the Bell Street Bridge.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will consist of securing a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). The PER will be used to determine the safety of the structure, prioritize projects, and develop a maintenance plan for the Bell Street Bridge’s future. Based on the recommendations of the PER, the Bell Street Bridge Committee will pursue the highest priority repairs, although this will not be funded by the MHPG grant.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and the SOI standards may not be applicable to the project.

**Condition** – The Commerce review team determined that the project is not eligible for MHPG funding because the applicant is only pursuing a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER); per the MHPG Guidelines, only 10% of projects over \$50,000 can be used for planning.

**Project No. 69 – Emerson Center’s Crawford Theater in Bozeman  
Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Upgrade Electrical System and Repair Interior**

This application received 570 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 69 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$200,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Treacy Foundation Grant	Grant	\$40,000	Pending
Individuals	Donations	\$95,000	\$45,000 Committed and \$50,000 pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$335,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture has been in operation since 1993. The Emerson Center gets over 250,000 visitors (resident and tourists) annually and they hold 750 or more events each year. The building is 64,000 square feet. They have three public rental spaces (Crawford Theater, Ballroom, and Weaver Room), 60 individual tenant artist studios, restaurant, curated art galleries, pottery studio, and a 2D educational classroom. The Emerson Center houses concerts, plays, lectures, films, conferences, weddings, religious services, dance performances, fundraisers, farmers’ markets, Downtown Bozeman Art Walks, and the Christmas Stroll. The theater seats 727 guests and is used an average of 175 days each year. Annually, over 70,000 guests sit within the Crawford Theater for events including: the Bozeman International Film Festival, Ice Climbing Festival, Bozeman Documentary Series, Bozeman Actor’s Theatre plays, school plays, concerts, lectures and dance performances. The applicant is requesting renovations to its Crawford Theater.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Crawford Theater has outdated electrical, paint degradation, damaged ceiling tiles, and lack of historically accurate architectural features.

**Proposed Solution** – Electrical updates (installing three-phase electrical, installing LED lighting, updating the wiring on the historic light fixtures), painting the entire interior of the theater (ceiling, walls, stage), repairing ceiling tiles, and recreating historic architectural features reminiscent of the theater’s original windows and shutters.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 69 – Gallatin History Museum in Bozeman**  
**Gallatin History Museum**  
**History Museum (Security) – Install a Security and Fire Protection System**

This application received 570 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 69 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$24,188	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Collections Management Account	Cash	TBD	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		\$24,188	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Gallatin History Museum and Research Center houses historical records and antiquities for Gallatin County and Southwest Montana. They serve 13,000 individuals annually including residents, tourists, K-12 school groups, and Montana State University professors. The museum is run by a small staff and volunteers. The museum experiences high foot traffic with little in the way to monitor visitors and secure their collections. Their smoke detectors are not communicating with their security system and malfunctions have occurred to the point that police have been called automatically when there is no fire present.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- Lack of security at the museum, and malfunctioning security alarm and smoke detection systems.

**Proposed Solution** – Purchase and install security cameras to the interior and exterior of the building. Replace current security alarm system including the smoke detection system.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the remaining aspects of the environmental review.

**Project No. 69 – Grandey School Building in Terry  
Prairie County School District K-12 #5  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Restore the Cupola and Dormer Windows along with  
Installing Gutters**

This application received 570 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 69 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$200,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Terry K-12 Building Fund	Capital	\$20,000	<i>No details given</i>
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$220,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** School District – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1908, the Grandey School is a landmark in Terry, Montana. Since 1908, it has been in continuous use as a school that serves all of Prairie County. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The cupola and dormer windows on the Grandey School are deteriorating. In addition, the foundation is deteriorating on the north side of the building.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will rebuild the cupola and restore the original dormer windows on the Grandey School. In addition, it will include installing gutters and downspouts and commissioning an engineering study on the foundation on the north side of the building.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Project No. 72 – Hotel Libby  
Friends of Historic Hotel Libby  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Replace Roof and Beams**

This application received 550 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 72 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$179,250	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Other grants and fundraising	Grant	\$59,750	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$239,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Hotel Libby has main supporting beams in the basement that were originally put in place in 1898. The applicant notes that they have crumbling centers and need to be replaced. The roof has three layers: a first layer of cedar shingles, second layer of unknown roofing, and third layer of asphalt roofing put in place over 30 years ago. Strong winds have removed sections of roofing and it has been leaking for several years in some areas. The applicant has been using large plastic pools and totes to catch water in order to minimize damage of the interior. The roof also has trusses and sheeting that will need to be replaced. The removal of the original chimney that was used for the furnace exhaust (no longer in use) will also be removed to be reassembled as a false chimney for historic looks. The chimney is unstable and if it fell it would cause damage to the roof surrounding it.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The Hotel Libby has degraded supporting beams and roof. In addition, the chimney is unstable.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will include replacement of degraded support beams and roof. In addition, the original chimney will be reassembled, and the existing chimney will be stabilized.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did consider the SOI standards by trying to obtain historic tax credits.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the remaining aspects of the environmental review.

**Project No. 72 – Stevensville United Methodist Church  
The Stevensville United Methodist Church  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Remove and Replace the Roof and Roof Structure at the Stevensville Grade School**

This application received 550 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 72 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$98,500	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Stevensville United Methodist Church	Budget	\$80,000	\$40,000 Committed, \$40,000 pending July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
Community Partners	Donations, Grants	\$21,500	Pending
United Methodist Church Mountain Sky Conference Foundation	Loan	\$40,000	Committed (6%, 15-yr term)
<b>Project Total</b>		\$240,000	

**Applicant Type:** Church, Historic Site

**Project History** – The Stevensville United Methodist Church was constructed in 1885 as the Stevensville Grade School. The building was expanded in 1906 and expanded again with renovations in 1928 when it was purchased by the United Methodist Church. A fellowship hall was added in 1990. The applicant notes that the building is used by the church, Stevensville Public School, community groups, Ravalli County Public Health, and others. Stevensville highlights the building on their historical walking tours and guided horse-drawn historical wagon tours. The building provides an ADA-accessible meeting space near downtown Stevensville. The current roof dates to a 1928 renovation and is in poor condition. The building can be used currently with no concerns.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The roof of the structure has low slope roof finishes and deteriorated/aged out cedar shingle and roof materials, and structural observation of roof structure.

**Proposed Solution** – The applicant’s solution to the deficiencies are to do structural upgrades such as sheath the roof with a layer of ½ OSB or plywood. In addition, the applicant will supplement the sanctuary, south gable roof wing, and site-built “quasi trusses” with additional eb members and connections. Adding struts and gusses to the North gable roof wing, and interface between the church and fellowship hall with a mechanical attachment. The applicant also proposes to replace the existing roof.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 72 – Yellowstone County Museum in Billings  
Yellowstone County Museum  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Upgrade ADA Features**

This application received 550 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 72 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$269,301	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Yellowstone County Museum	Donation	\$29,922	Committed
Yellowstone County	Public Funds	\$60,545	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$359,068</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Yellowstone County Museum was founded in 1953 and houses over 23,000 artifacts. The facility includes a historic cabin which serves as the entrance to the museum and additional exhibit space on multiple levels. Most of the exhibits are housed within the lower level of the museum which presents accessibility issues. Since the 1990s the museum has sought to make the museum fully ADA compliant but has been unable to raise the required funding. In 2010, the museum undertook a project to provide a temporary solution, adding a paved ramp from the parking lot to the lower level of the museum, improving access during summer months.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The museum dates from 1956 and is not compliant with modern ADA codes. The lower level exhibit spaces are only connected to the entry via a steep staircase which limits accessibility for visitors and volunteers. The ramp from the parking area to the lower level and the museums bathrooms are not ADA compliant.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will construct a small addition to the building to accommodate a lift and create a new entrance to the upper level. The project would include interior remodeling to bathrooms and exhibit spaces to make the museum ADA accessible.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and the SOI standards may not be applicable to the project.

**Project No. 75 – Malta Carnegie Library  
Rachel Liff on behalf of Malta Carnegie Library  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Replace the Roof**

This application received 540 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 75 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$100,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Private Individual – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Malta Carnegie Library was built in 1917 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The building was owned by the Phillips County for approximately 100 years, operating as a library, and later as a museum and food bank, after which the building was sold to a private party. The applicant recently purchased the building with the goal of renovating it as a community center with a supporting bed and breakfast. They have invested \$20,000 into the project to date.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The building is currently vacant and in a state of general deterioration. The condition of the roof is identified as critical with several leaks causing interior damages and the degradation of the exterior rear brick wall. Water infiltration has damaged plasterwork on the walls and ceilings and has damaged the floor. The soundness of the roof framing is unknown.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace the building’s roof and repair structural members as needed. The project would involve restoring the damaged exterior brick wall on the rear of the building.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must document that it has established a non-profit organization which will act as its fiscal agent or identify an eligible fiscal agent or association. The fiscal agent or association identified must demonstrate it is in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State and has proper tracking and financial reporting in place, prior to executing a contract with the Montana Department of Commerce. The fiscal agent or association will be the recipient of the grant award and becomes the legal applicant of record, manages the disbursement of grant funds according to the Commerce reimbursement processes, and is responsible for all the requirements of the specific grant.



**Project No. 75 – Arts & Crafts Building in Lame Deer  
The Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Renovate of the Building**

This application received 540 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 75 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$493,300	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Rural Development	Grant	\$125,000	<i>No details given</i>
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	General Fund	\$25,000	<i>No details given</i>
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$643,300</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Tribe – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1967, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s Arts & Crafts Building is located on Highway 212 in Lame Deer, Montana. The building used to be a place to sell paintings, jewelry, and other artwork and supplies made by individuals on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, but it is now vacant and in need of renovations. The applicant would like to renovate the building so that it can once again be used as a commercial space and community center.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The 864 square foot Arts & Crafts Building is not big enough for craftsmen, entrepreneurs, and tourists. Furthermore, the interior and exterior of the structure are outdated and have suffered from water damage. Finally, the building does not have a bathroom.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will renovate the interior and exterior of the Arts & Crafts Building to update the structure and correct the water damage. This structure will be used as commercial space to sell paintings, jewelry, and other artwork along with a cultural center. In addition, the proposed project will erect an addition with bathrooms, three office spaces, and a “maker space” for artists. One of the office spaces will be used by the Chamber of Commerce and the Dull Knife Community College will start an entrepreneurship program in the space.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Project No. 75 – The Original Daly Mansion in Hamilton  
The Original Marcus Daly Home and Bitterroot Stock Farm Office Trust  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Replace Plumbing, Electric, Insulation, and Windows,  
Improve Façade, and Repair Roof**

This application received 540 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 75 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$341,730	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Owner of Property	Cash	\$420,000	Committed
Owner of Property	Building Acquisition	\$330,000	Purchased 01/21/20
<b>Project Total</b>		\$1,091,730	

**Applicant Type:** For-Profit Entity – Historic Site

**Project History** – The building was the original home of Marcus Daly and is not to be confused with the current Daly Mansion. The building has been vacant for six years due to the cost of remodeling being cost prohibitive. The applicant just closed on the property and wants to replace 110-year-old plumbing, electrical, insulation, windows, roof, preserve the exterior, and siding repairs. They will be converting the building into housing.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Dated plumbing, insulation, windows, roof, exterior, and siding.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will replace the plumbing, electrical, insulation, windows, and roof. In addition, the proposed project will repair the siding.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did consider the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 75 – Marias Museum of History & Art in Shelby  
Toole County Marias Museum of History & Art  
History Museum (Maintenance) – Repair and Replace the Roof on the Dunkirk School**

This application received 540 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 75 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$21,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Toole County's Museum Building Fund	Capital	\$7,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$28,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Toole County Marias Museum of History & Art owns the Dunkirk School, which was built in 1918. The Dunkirk School was used as a primary school for on the Hi-Line until 1970. After that, it stood vacant for a decade until it was donated to the Toole County Marias Museum of History & Art and moved to the fairgrounds.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant's needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The roof on the Dunkirk School is deteriorating, which is causing leaking within the building.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will repair and/or replace the roof on the Dunkirk School.

**Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Project No. 79 – St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Fort Benton  
Fort Benton Improvement Association  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Repair Building Structure, Foundation, and Bricks**

This application received 530 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 79 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$135,030	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
FBICA	Donations	\$20,000	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$155,030</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – St Paul’s Episcopal Church in Fort Benton was built approximately 140 years ago and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building has been owned by the City of Fort Benton since 1973. Over the years foundational settling has caused bowing of the east wall tied to settlement of a 1970s addition. Sievert and Sievert Architects have completed a Historic Structures Report to identify issues and recommend appropriate treatment.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ There has been structural displacement on structure’s east wall. In addition, there has been settlement of the 1970s addition, which has contributed to the bowing of the original wall and foundation.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will stabilize the building by underpinning the existing foundation and separating the addition from the original building with new joints allowing for movement.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 79 – Mineral Museum in Butte  
Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Mineral Museum  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Restore Floor and Abate Asbestos**

This application received 530 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 79 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$125,400	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Montana Tech	Capital	\$33,040	Committed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$158,440</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – In 1901, the Mineral Museum was established at Montana Tech in Butte, Montana. Since then, Montana’s premier mineral collection has grown to more than 13,000 specimens. The Mineral Museum displays 1,300 of these minerals, rocks, and fossils as well as several exhibits on Montana’s geology, earthquake activity, and mining history. The Mineral Museum is housed within an Art Deco building completed in 1939.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The Mineral Museum’s 5,660 square feet of floors are deteriorating. The building’s original hardwood floors were covered with asbestos tile in the late-1950s or early-1960s. After 60 years of foot traffic, the tile is fracturing and coming loose. In addition, the mezzanine contains carpet that is worn down.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will remove the asbestos tile on the main floor and alcove along with the carpet in the mezzanine of the Mineral Museum. To access the floors, the aluminum-clad “storefront” partitions of the museum office, storage area, and gift shop will have to be removed. Then, the original hardwood floors will be refinished, and parts of the baseboard molding will be replaced.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of SOI standards in the application.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 81 – The Stevensville Historical Museum  
Stevensville Historical Museum, Inc.  
History Museum (Climate Control) – Upgrade Heating, Cooling, and Ventilation System,  
Repair Windows, and Install Insulation**

This application received 520 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 81 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$35,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Unspecified	Grant/Donation	\$2,100	Uncommitted
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$37,100</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Stevensville Historical Museum was established in the early 1990s to display and preserve historical artifacts and interpret the history of the Bitterroot Valley. The museum is housed within a 1907 home which was donated to the museum and moved to its current location on Main Street in Stevensville in 1990. The building is currently heated by a single wall mounted unit.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The building’s climate control system is identified as inadequate to properly preserve historical artifacts. Currently a single wall mounted heater is the only source of climate control and the museum experiences large temperature swings between hot and cold months. The existing unit is 30 years old and near the end of its intended lifespan.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will install a central heating/cooling/humidity control system, repair the existing windows, installing storm windows and weather stripping where needed, and add UV blocking film to the windows to protect artifacts.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 82 – Pioneer Building in Cut Bank  
 Glacier County Historical Museum  
 History Museum (Infrastructure) – Restore the Façade, Replacing the Roof, Installing an HVAC System,  
 and Construct a Historic “Lean-to”**

This application received 510 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 82 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$183,975	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<i>No details given</i>	<i>No details given</i>	\$36,135	<i>No details given</i>
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$220,110</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – Built in 1901, the Pioneer Building is one of the oldest buildings in Cut Bank, Montana; it helped establish the town along Cut Bank Creek. Since 2007, Glacier County Historical Museum has been working on restoring the Pioneer Building as a community hall for lectures, dinners, and school programs.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ While a decent amount of work has already been completed on the Pioneer Building, deficiencies remain. First, the roof was completed in 2002; it has been worn away because of high winds and contains small screws that are not structurally sound. Second, the windows and façade are in a 1940s style, so they are not true to the structure’s 1901 appearance. Third, the furnace is a small, non-commercial furnace that was installed in 2002; it is inefficient and does not meet museum standards. Fourth, there is no kitchen or bathroom.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will continue with restoring the Pioneer Building. This will include restoring the façade, replacing the roof, installing an HVAC system, and constructing a historic lean-to on the back of the building for a kitchen and bathroom.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; there was no mention of the SOI standards in the application.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must hold a public meeting to complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 82 – Victor Heritage Museum  
Victor Heritage Museum  
History Museum (Climate Control) – Purchase and Install Climate Control System and  
Organize and Inventory Collection**

This application received 510 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 82 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$5,075	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		\$5,075	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Victor Heritage Museum stores items from their collection not on display in a detached, well-insulated storage building. There is no heat, cooling, or humidity control in the buildings. The storage space is disorganized with inadequate shelving and space.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- Lack of temperature control in storage building as well as inadequate shelving.

**Proposed Solution** – Install a furnace and air conditioner in the building with humidity control. Design and install a new shelving and storage spaces.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and it may not be applicable.

**Conditions** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.



**Project No. 84 – Kendall Townsite in Lewistown  
Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Construct a Visitor Center**

This application received 500 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 84 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Individual Donations	Donations	\$531,500	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$1,031,500</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Kendall Townsite is 20 miles outside Lewistown, Montana. It was a gold town that peaked with 1,500 residents in 1910. The Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America has owned and maintained the property since 1968. The Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America wants to build a visitor center.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Right now, there are interpretive signs at the Kendall Townsite but no other interpretive features.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will build a 2,200 square foot unstaffed visitor center. The visitor center will be free-of-charge and feature interactive signs, exhibits, and artifacts. The building will be in a faux, two-story structure built to resemble the Wedge Saloon, which used to be on the property. In addition, the visitor center will have ADA accessibility features, interior/exterior security and camera system, kitchenette, office, bathrooms, and remote locking/unlocking capacities.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; the SOI standards were not mentioned in the application.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the public meeting for the environmental review.

**Project No. 85 – Children’s Museum of Montana in Great Falls  
Children’s Museum of Montana, Inc.  
History Museum (Security) – Install Security System, Climate Control System, and  
Fire Protection System**

This application received 480 points out of a possible 1100 points and ranked 85 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Sunderland Foundation	Grant	\$22,000,000	Planned Submission 03/31/20
Treacy Foundation	Grant	\$2,900,000	Planned Submission 03/31/20
Murdoch Foundation	Grant	\$15,000,000	Planned Submission 03/31/20
Washington Foundation	Grant	\$2,000,000	Planned Submission 03/31/20
Local Donations	Donations	\$500,000	Pending
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$42,900,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Children’s Museum of Montana was created in 1996. They note that they have 20,000 visitors from around the world each year. The museums’ lease from the City of Great Falls will not be renewed as of November 2023. Due to this the museum has been researching and strategically planning about the organization’s future. The organization wants to create a “world class” history museum that reflects Montana from It’s past to current day. The applicant wants to purchase a 70,000 sq. ft warehouse and turn it into the Children’s Museum as their new location. The building has not been purchased at this time.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Children’s Museum of Montana’s lease will not be renewed as of November 2023 and they need a new location. The City which owns the current building will be using the facility for administration offices.

**Proposed Solution** – The applicant proposes to renovate a 70,000 sq. ft warehouse with climate control, fire protection, and establish security.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and they may not be applicable to this project.

**Project No. 86 – Reese Creek School near Belgrade  
Reese Creek Community Center, Inc.  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Renovation of the Historic School**

This application received 470 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 86 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$490,540	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$490,540</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Reese Creek School was built in 1904. In 1966, the building was transferred to a non-profit, Reese Creek Community Center, Inc., which used the property for a variety of needs: weddings, funerals, birthdays, fundraisers, and festivals. The Reese Creek Zoning District, located 10 miles north of Bozeman and Belgrade, would now like to use this one-room schoolhouse as a community center with a 24-hour self-serve postal drop-off, catering kitchen, flush toilets, coffee shop/market, farmers market, and community archives/museum.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Reese Creek Community Center fell into disuse in 1988 because of accessibility issues. In addition, the building does not have plumbing or heating. The applicant did not provide further details on the deficiencies of the interior or exterior of the building but indicated that both would need to be restored.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will restore the interior and exterior of the Reese Creek School. To do this, a structural survey and analysis will be needed. In addition, the proposed project will create a new construction “support building” adjacent to the historic one-room schoolhouse to house some of the amenities, such as the catering kitchen and flush toilets.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant considered the SOI standards; the applicant stated that “all design and construction will strive to comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.”

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 87 – Havre Beneath the Streets**  
**Havre Beneath the Streets**  
**History Museum (Infrastructure) – Repair Walls, Ceiling, and ADA Ramp**

This application received 440 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 87 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$180,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Havre Beneath the Streets	Capital	\$60,000	Secured
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$180,000-200,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – Built in the 1990s and 2000s, Havre Beneath the Streets commemorates the early history of Chinese immigrants that supported the construction of the Great Northern Railway in the 1880s. These Chinese immigrants built an underground network of passageways and structures beneath Havre. Housed in a downtown building on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, the museum includes 21 exhibits that are tied together by an underground walkway.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Southwest corner of the museum is deteriorating where a wall and ceiling are failing. As a result, the museum closed two exhibits and placed a support beam to preserve the underground walkway. The deteriorating area includes a wheelchair ramp and elevator, which is not currently accessible.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will repair the walls and ceiling in the Southwest corner of the museum. This includes reconstructing the ADA-accessible wheelchair ramp and elevator access. In addition, the applicant will restore the original passageway and the two displays that were closed.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and the SOI standards may not be applicable to the project.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 87 – Little Red Schoolhouse in Helena**  
**Little Red Schoolhouse, Inc.**  
**Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Replace the Foundation and Roof**

This application received 440 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 87 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$125,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		\$125,000	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – The Little Red Schoolhouse was built in 1888. There was a restoration completed in the early 1980s. The applicant notes that the building has foundation issues which have never been addressed. No other details were provided in the application for this section.

**Identified Problem** –. The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The Little Red Schoolhouse has an aging foundation and roof.

**Proposed Solution** – Replace the foundation and roof.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears that the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 89 – Old Auditorium in Geraldine  
Geraldine Public Schools  
Historic Site (Maintenance) – Repair and Insulate Exterior Wall**

This application received 400 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 89 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$61,266.04	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$61,266.04</b>	

**Applicant Type:** School District – Historic Site

**Project History** – The “Old Auditorium” in Geraldine, MT was built in 1935 and has served the community as a gymnasium and community event venue ever since. The building is one of the oldest public buildings in the community, continuing to host events including weddings, sports events, and dances. At some point a layer of spray foam insulation was applied the exterior walls in an effort to insulate the building to limited effect. In 2016 the School District repaired due to water damage and insulated the south wall of the building and replaced the roof. The Applicant has also recently installed a new, more efficient propane heating system.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ Currently suffers from high heat loss and resulting high utility costs. A layer of spray foam insulation which was applied to the exterior which obscures is damaged from years of weathering and detracts from the building’s historic appearance.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will remove the exterior spray foam coating and paint the exterior walls and add insulation to the interior walls with the intent of reducing energy costs. The work would likely use the same approach as used in repairing the south wall of the building in 2016, wherein the foam coating was removed and a layer of rigid insulation added to the exterior, clad in metal sheathing. Insulation appears to have been added to the interior of the wall and the drywall replaced.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards.

**Project No. 90 – Wolf Point Area Museum  
 Wolf Point Area Museum  
 History Museum (Infrastructure) – Construction of Six Mock Storefronts**

This application received 350 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 90 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$62,610	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$62,610</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – In 2015, the Wolf Point Area Museum constructed a building to be used for displays. Right now, the 50 feet by 80 feet building consists of a dirt floor with a cement walkway running the length of the building. The applicant will add six internal faux storefronts representing businesses that were previously in operation in Wolf Point: a blacksmith shop, two automobile shops, a law office, a barbershop, and a post office.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ At the moment, the 50 feet by 80 feet building that the Wolf Point Area Museum has not been built out; there is only a dirt floor and 10-foot walkway running the length of the building.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will construct six faux storefronts in the building: a blacksmith shop, two automobile shops, a law office, a barbershop, and a post office. In addition, the proposed project will insulate the building and ensure that it is ADA compliant.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; SOI standards were not mentioned in the application.

**Project No. 91 – Farmer’s Daughter General Store in Hardin  
City of Hardin on behalf of Farmer’s Daughter General Store  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Acquire the Original Bar to Install and Restore**

This application received 340 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 91 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$75,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Not Listed	Not Listed	\$18,750	Not Listed
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$93,750</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Government – Historic Site

**Project History** –The Farmer’s Daughter building has had a long history with many uses in the Hardin Community. It was built in 1909 as a harness shop and confectionary. The building has been a bus depot, the Arcade bar, café, secondhand clothing store, and general store. The building was listed on the National register of historic places in June of 1984 and contributes to the Hardin District. The current owner has updated plumbing, re-wired the building, replaced front windows, added ADA accessible bathrooms, updates to meet fire code, and more. The owner has been running the Farmer’s Daughter and Soda Fountain providing home décor, gifts, clothing, souvenirs, Montana made-products, Native-made products, serving sundaes, banana splits, malts, and milkshakes for the last two years.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The original bar is no longer at the historic site or owned by the Farmer’s Daughter.

**Proposed Solution** – Purchase the original bar for the building. Re-do the drop ceiling and re-route some of the plumbing so the bar can be installed. Hire a crew to transport the bar, carry it into the building, and assemble the pieces to restore the bar.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and they may not be applicable.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.



**Project No. 92 – High Plain’s Women’s Museum in Billings  
High Plains Women’s Museum  
History Museum (Security) – Digitize Collection and Rent a Storage Unit**

This application received 320 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 92 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$5,800	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Our Montana	Grant	\$1,000	Secured
Board and Volunteers	Donation	\$15,200	<i>No details given</i>
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$22,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The High Plains Women’s Museum records stories about the everyday lives of the diverse women of the High Plains. Along with these historical interviews, the High Plains Women’s Museum collects hundreds of articles of women’s clothing, jewelry, and mementos. The High Plains Women’s Museum is located in the atrium of the Valley Credit Union in downtown Billings.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The collections, which include the oral histories and clothing, jewelry, and mementos, are stored at an unsecured, uncontrolled, and inaccessible location far away from the High Plains Women’s Museum. Furthermore, the oral histories are not stored in an adequate manner nor are the available to listen to.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will move the collections to a rented storage unit near the High Plains Women’s Museum, where they can be appropriately managed, secured, and utilized. During this process, the clothing, jewelry, and mementos will be photographed, while the oral histories are digitized. In addition, the applicant will create a workstation in the museum where the public can explore and research all of these photographs and recordings. Finally, the applicant will update their website with these photographs and recordings so that they are available online.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and the SOI standards may not be applicable to the project.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 93 – Big Horn Historical Museum in Hardin  
Big Horn County Historical Society  
History Museum (Infrastructure) – Construct an Exhibit Building**

This application received 0 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 93 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium. ***The applicant requested to retract their application on 3/12/20.***

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$500,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Unknown	Grant	\$500,000	<i>No details given</i>
Big Horn County Historical Society	Fundraising & Donations	\$500,000	<i>No details given</i>
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$1,500,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – History Museum

**Project History** – The Big Horn County Historical Museum, established in 1979, collects, preserves, restores, and exhibits artifacts relevant to the history and culture of Big Horn County. Two local collectors recently offered to donate their personal collections of WWII military vehicles and armament to the applicant. The applicant would like to house, preserve, and display these 18 vehicles—along with their own WWII vehicles, uniforms, and artifacts—in a new building, which will be called the Military Museum, on their property. They do not currently have a space that meets these needs.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- ❑ The Big Horn County Historical Museum does not have a building on their grounds that can house, preserve, and display their current WWII artifacts nor the WWII military vehicles and armament that two local collectors have offered to donate to the history museum.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will build a 22,000 square foot building to house, preserve, and display the applicant’s current WWII artifacts and the soon-to-be donated collection. The building will include a 15,200 square foot exhibit hall to showcase the WWII vehicles, two 900 square feet exhibit rooms to showcase the smaller WWII artifacts, a 2,000 square foot entryway with an office, restrooms, and front desk, along with a 2,100 square foot workshop for the on-going restoration of vehicles. This workshop will be open to the public as well; the applicant will offer demonstrations on vehicle restoration and educational opportunities for high school and college students in research, mechanics, welding, and painting.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards and the SOI standards may not be applicable to the project.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.

**Project No. 94 – Hotel Deer Lodge  
Deer Lodge Preservation, Inc.  
Historic Site (Infrastructure) – Replace Roof**

This application received 0 points out of a possible 1,100 points and ranked 94 out of 94 for funding in the 2023 Biennium. ***Application is ineligible for award as it was submitted on 6/15/20, three months after the program deadline as determined by the 2019 Legislature in SB 338.***

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Status of Funds</b>
MHPG	Grant	\$2,000,000	Awaiting decision of the Legislature
Small Business Administration	Forgivable Loan	\$2,000,000	Unknown
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Project Total</b>		<b>\$14,000,000</b>	

**Applicant Type:** Non-Profit – Historic Site

**Project History** – Built in 1919, the Deer Lodge Hotel is situated in downtown Deer Lodge, Montana. At its height, it was one of the most luxurious hotels in the state, but it has now sat vacant for 40 years. Since it is not in use, the structure is eroding with the dilapidated roof posing the most pressing issue.

**Identified Problem** – The applicant’s needs include resolving the following deficiencies:

- The Deer Lodge Hotel has sat vacant for 40 years and a lot of the structure is dilapidated. The roof is the most urgent concern; it is deteriorating and does not protect the building from the elements.

**Proposed Solution** – The proposed project will reconstruct the entire roof on the Deer Lodge Hotel. This will be done in a way that allows for there to be an elevator, rooftop dining, and views of the valley in the future. This will also protect the building from the elements and allow for future phases of the renovation, including the floors, rooms, and other spaces.

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** – It appears the applicant did not consider the SOI standards; the applicant did not mention the SOI standards in the application.

**Condition** – If funded, the applicant must complete the environmental review.