



# THE FOUNDATION FOR MONTANA HISTORY



Volunteers hang new sign on the Pine Butte Schoolhouse near Bozeman

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND HIGHLIGHTS





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# CULTIVATING THE PRESERVATION AND CELEBRATION OF MONTANA'S RICH HISTORY

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Your support made it possible to support projects across the state of Montana. With your help, we ...

- **Made grants worth \$202,000** to 28 community-based history projects across Montana.
- **Offered free grant-writing workshops** in rural communities, reaching over 50 people.
- **Offered guided history tours to over 800 visitors in Helena** – connecting our history with visitors and the local business community.



Hot Springs High School students with completed grant project at their local museum



Dr. Ciara Ryan conducts a grant writing workshop at the Huntley Project Museum



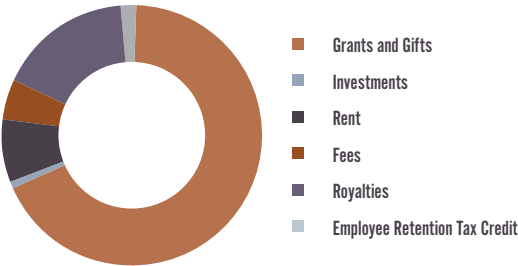
Yellowstone County Museum completes their Indigenous Exhibition project in Billings



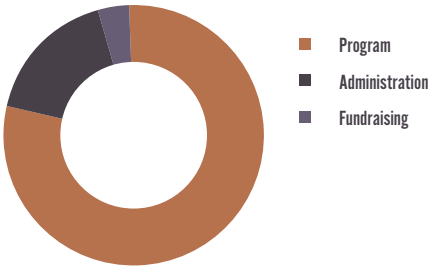
Our Breweries & Brothels walking tour makes a stop below Helena's historic Bluestone House

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

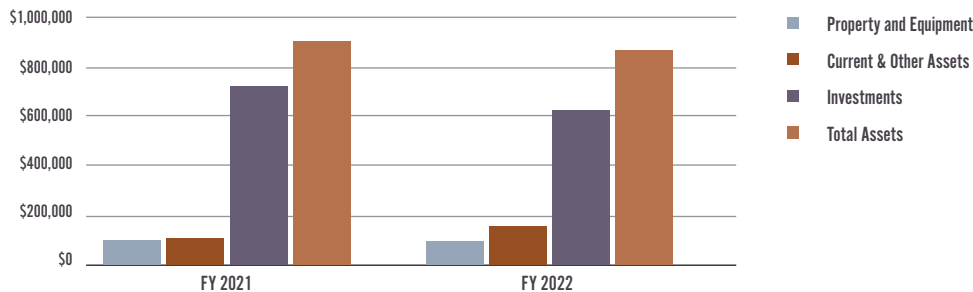
Revenue: \$2,016,319



Expenses: \$1,039,771



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# HISTORY IS HAPPENING...

Architectural rendering of proposed restoration (courtesy of ARCH Trio)

## in Virginia City

**Built in 1864 and located on the main street of Virginia City,** Stonewall Hall served as the Montana Territorial Capitol from 1865-1875. Last year, with the building in imminent danger of collapse, The Foundation for Montana History and the Montana Heritage Commission partnered to save Stonewall Hall. With your help, we coordinated transferring the building to the State, raised \$1 million, and stabilized the structure ahead of restoration. Work will begin in the summer of 2023 and the full project is anticipated for completion in late 2024.



Stonewall Hall ca. 1870 (courtesy Montana Historical Society)



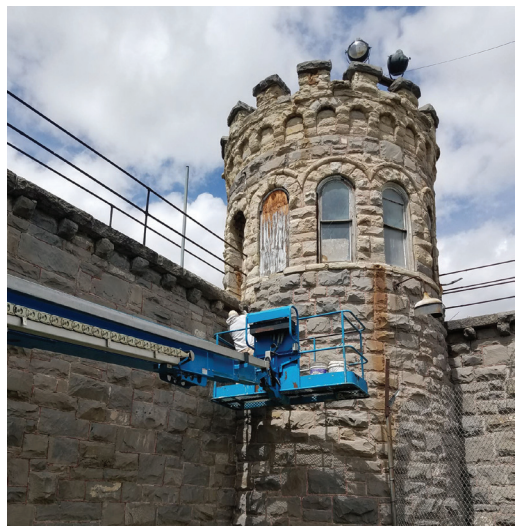
Governor Greg Gianforte cutting ribbon at Stonewall Hall



# Your Gifts in 2022 ...

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- **Documented and interpreted** Chinese headstones in Billings, Bozeman, Helena, and Butte.
- **Initiated a project to prepare a book-length biography** of notable Montana pioneer businessman Henry Sieben.
- **Preserved the stories** of the participants in the 1972 Constitutional Convention.
- **Restored a watch tower** at the historic Deer Lodge Prison.







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# HISTORY MATTERS

