Montana History Foundation Wins One of 12 National Park Service Grants

Helena—The National Park Service awarded a national grant to the Montana History Foundation this week. It was one of 12 selected out of 47 applicants. The History Foundation wins alongside the ranks of major institutions, such as the Air Force Space and Missile Museum Foundation and the University of Arkansas.

Out of the 12 winners, The History Foundation is the featured project in the National Park Service’s grant news release. This is the first time The History Foundation has been awarded a grant from NPS and it is the only recipient from Montana.

“It is an honor,” President/CEO Charlene Porsild said. “These grants are extremely competitive so The History Foundation is very fortunate.”

The History Foundation will use the $25,000 grant for a three-day workshop next spring to bring experts and community members together for training and education using innovative and integrated technology to preserve Montana’s cemeteries.

“We are very excited to host the workshop,” Porsild says. “Our history is buried in these cemeteries and this grant will help us help our communities document and preserve that history.”

Experts and volunteers will visit four different cemetery sites to demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses of each technology.

For the complete list of NPS grant winners see the NPS national news release. For additional information about The History Foundation and this award, please contact Jacob Rosen, PR and Communications Coordinator.

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The History Foundation started in 1985. It’s an independent, non-profit corporation preserving the rich legacy of Montana’s past one story, one community, and one project at a time. With the help of donors, the History Foundation has put nearly $3 million into history projects in Montana communities. For more information, including how to donate and apply for grants, visit www.mthistory.org.