2017 Annual Report

History is a Journey
Come Explore With Us!
At the Montana History Foundation, we preserve the rich legacy of Montana’s past – one story, one community, one project at a time. In 2017 we did this by:

› Providing grant funding
› Sponsoring conferences and awards
› Offering workshops
› Serving as fiscal managers for projects

Because of the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our Board of Directors and staff, the important work of preserving Montana’s history is being accomplished. Through these pages, you will see how your donations help communities across the state save their history.

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Our Year in Review

The History Foundation supported special events such as History Day in Bozeman, Virginia City Treaty Days, the Governor’s Humanities Awards, and the 28th Annual Montana Statehood Centennial Bell Award ceremony honoring the Montana History Teacher of the Year.

The Foundation sponsored annual conferences such as the Montana Historical Society’s History Conference in Helena, the Museums Association of Montana’s conference in Kalispell, and the Eastern Montana Museums Association meeting in Ekalaka.

We provided fiscal sponsorship services to projects and organizations such as the the historic Adams Hotel in Lavina, the Original Montana Club stained glass window restoration, and the 2017 Governor’s Inaugural Ball.

We initiated an antiques appraisal fair in Bozeman with celebrity appraisers as seen on PBS, and we continued our Montana History Dinner series treating attendees to history-related entertainment, re-enactments, and talks.

Our staff conducted ten workshops from Libby to Ekalaka training 114 people how to prepare successful grant applications.
Grants

In 2017 we awarded $121,500 in direct grants to 30 preservation projects in 24 communities and 19 counties across Montana. These grant projects included:

- Adobe wall restoration in Fort Shaw
- Reroofing and building stabilization of the Wild Horse Plains log schoolhouse in Plains
- Rehousing of a fossil collection at the Carter County Museum in Ekalaka
- Collections storage project at the Upper Musselshell Museum in Harlowton
- Production of a Crow language dictionary in Hardin
- Interpretive signage along the Fort Benton Steamboat Levee

For a full list of grants, visit our website at [www.mthistory.org/grants](http://www.mthistory.org/grants)
2017 Financials

Revenue FY 2017
$1,222,200

- 57.1% Gifts & Grants
- 15.9% Project Income
- 12.5% Administration
- 4.4% Management Fees
- 11.9% Rent
- 10.4% Royalties
- 0.3% Investments

Expenses FY 2017
$1,188,000

- 83.6% Programs
- 3.8% Fundraising
- 15.9% Project Income
- 12.5% Administration
- 4.4% Management Fees
- 11.9% Rent
- 10.4% Royalties
- 0.3% Investments
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Our work is made possible by the generosity of our many donors. Your tax deductible gift of cash or securities or your planned gift or bequest can provide the funding needed to save an historical building or preserve artifacts in a museum in your favorite Montana community.

Visit our website www.mthistory.org or call us today at 406.449.3770 to discuss the giving options best suited to you.

On behalf of the Montana History Foundation board, staff, and the many community organizations we support,

Thank You!

2012–2017 MHF has helped 68 communities in 40 counties with over $575,000 in grant support.

MHF Board of Directors visiting the Granite Mountain Speculator Mine Memorial, Butte

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