



THE MONTANA HISTORY
FOUNDATION

WHERE TO FIND FUNDING FOR HISTORY AND PRESERVATION PROJECTS

For live links, please view this document at www.mthistory.org/education/2018-grant-writing-workshops/

Please note that this list is not meant to be inclusive and should be used as a starter tool only. All represented data is subject to change.

State and Local Funders

Funder	Grant	Website	Purpose	Approximate Due Date	Funding Range
Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development	Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Planning Grant	http://marketmt.com/BSTE	Provides state funds to promote long-term stable economic growth in Montana with financial assistance.	Accepted quarterly	\$5,000-\$7,500 per job created
Montana History Foundation	General Grants Program	https://www.mthistory.org/grants/	Offers grants for historic preservation, oral history, artifact conservation, document digitization, museum exhibits, and more.	January 25, 2019	\$500-\$5,000
Montana History Foundation	History Emergencies!	https://www.mthistory.org/history-emergencies/	Provides funding to restore, conserve, or repair historic resources that are a direct benefit to the community and in imminent danger.	Ongoing	\$1,000-\$7,500
MDU Resources Foundation		https://www.mdu.com/integrity/foundation	Grants supporting arts, culture, education, health and community development in communities where MDU Resources operates.	October 1	
MJ Murdock Charitable Trust			Funds strategic projects and initiatives in a five state region which includes Montana. Please review previously funded projects.	Ongoing; LOI submission 1 st step	\$50,000+
Montana Arts Council	Various	http://art.mt.gov/grants_awards_comm_home	Develop the creative potential of all Montanans, advance education, spur economic vibrancy and revitalize communities through involvement in the arts.	Various	Various
Montana Community Foundation	Various	https://www.mtcf.org/Grants-Scholarships/Grants-Scholarships-at-MCF	Funds fields of interest such as human services, affordable housing, public education, or the performing arts.	Various	Various

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Montana Conservation Corps	Project Partner (not a grant)	http://mtcorpm.org/supp/ort/become-a-project-partner	Volunteers complete conservation projects in local communities, national forests, state and national parks, wildlife refuges and federally designated wilderness areas.		
Montana Dept. of Commerce-Community Development Division	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	http://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/CDBG/PlanningActivities/Applying	Help empower local governments and communities across the state by building the capacity, resiliency, and resource base necessary to develop strong, vibrant communities and fund projects that principally benefit Montana's low-to-moderate-income households and individuals.	Ongoing	Max of \$50,000
Montana Department of Commerce – Office of Tourism	Tourism Grant	http://marketmt.com/Grants	Awards funds to projects that strengthen Montana's economy through the development and enhancement of the state's tourism and recreation industry.	September 30	
Montana Historical Society	Community Preservation and Certified Local Government Program	https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/Communitypres	Certify local government with historic preservation programs, provide technical preservation assistance, and annually dedicate 10% of our federal funding to cities, towns, and counties that commit themselves to preserving their heritage under the program.		\$1,000-\$5,000
Montana Dept. of Commerce – Community Development	Montana Main Street Program	http://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/MainStreet	Helps communities strengthen and preserve their historic downtown commercial districts by focusing on economic development, urban revitalization, and historic preservation through long-range planning, organization, design, and promotion.		Max of \$10,000
Montana State Library	Montana Memory Project	http://docs.msl.mt.gov/mpweb/webpagedocs/brochure3.pdf	Grant funding available to interested applicants. All Montana libraries, museums, archives, and schools are encouraged to become contributors of the Montana Memory Project.		
Montana Preservation Alliance	Various Programs	http://www.preservemontana.org/restoration-training	Assistance to communities and owners of historic properties.		

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Northwestern Energy Charitable Giving Program	Community Works	http://www.northwesternenergy.com/community-works/community-works-fund	Education, health, and human services, civic and community, culture and arts, and resource conservation.		
Steele-Reese Foundation	Idaho and Montana Grant Program	http://steele-reese.org/	Supports rural education, rural human/social services, rural conservation and preservation, rural health, and rural arts and humanities programs.	LOI	\$5,000-\$50,000
3 Rivers Communications	Community Enhancement Grant	http://3rivers.net/grants%20%26%20sponsorships	Promoting community wellbeing in service areas.		\$500-\$2,500
Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization	Historic Improvement Project	http://www.buttecpr.org/services/grants.php	Preservation of historic buildings in Butte.	April	\$2,000 per property
Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation		https://www.dpwfoundation.org/grants/	Funding for organizations that support education, health and human services, arts and culture, and community service.	Ongoing	
The Foster Foundation			*Does not accept unsolicited applications* Seeks to fund under-resourced opportunities in the areas of social services/human welfare, education, medical research, treatment and care, and community engagement.	Submit EIN and organization information before August	Various
Humanities Montana	Various	http://www.humanitiesmontana.org/#	Provides support for public programs in the humanities throughout the state.	Various	Various
Jerry Metcalf Foundation		http://www.jerrymetcalfmontana.org/grantguidelines.html	Supports the visual, performing, and literary arts; historical research and preservation; environmental research and conservation; and education and community health.	LOI due March 15	\$1,000-\$15,000
J. M. Kaplan Fund		www.jmkfund.org	*Does not accept unsolicited applications* Funding for efforts to inventory and protect North American industrial architecture.		
Lowe's	Community Partners Grants	https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/	Helps build better communities by supporting building renovations/upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades, and safety improvements.	May or August	\$2,001-\$100,000

Federal Grant Makers

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Institute for Museum and Library Services	Various	https://www.imls.gov/	Primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums.	Various	Various
National Endowment for the Arts	Various	https://www.arts.gov/	Funds, promotes, and strengthens the creative capacity of our communities by providing all Americans with diverse opportunities for arts participation.	Various	Various
National Endowment for the Humanities	Various	https://www.neh.gov/	Promotes excellence in the humanities and conveys the lessons of history to all Americans.	Various	Various
National Historical Publications and Records Commission	Various	https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement	Funds projects that deal with various historical source material.	Various	Various
The National Trust for Historic Preservation	Various	https://savingplaces.org/	Protects significant places representing our diverse cultural experience by taking direct action and inspiring broad public support.	Various	Various
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Preserve America	https://www.achp.gov/preserve-america/federal-support	Federal grants fund the preservation, interpretation, and reuse of historic properties.	Funds not appropriated for FY2018	\$20,000-\$50,000
Economic Development Administration	Various	https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/	Promotes innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.	Various	Various
National Park Service	Historic Preservation grants	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/fund.htm	Preservation projects include a wide range of activities from bricks-and-mortar rehabilitation to neighborhood surveys and documentation efforts.	Various	Various
Department of Agriculture - Rural Development (USDA)	Various	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs	Offers programs in the area of housing and rural community development that can be of assistance to preservation efforts.	Various	Various

