In 2018 we brought people together to preserve and protect Montana’s history — one story, one community, one project at a time. This work was made possible by the generosity of donors and the dedicated assistance of our Board of Directors and staff.

**A Curatorial Center for the People**

With a private gift of more than $1 million dollars, the History Foundation constructed the Lee C. McFarland Curatorial Center in Virginia City in 1999 to house and preserve the important collections acquired by the State of Montana. This year, in accordance with the donor’s wishes, the History Foundation transferred ownership of the building and its contents to the State and the people of Montana.

*Samples from the McFarland Curatorial Center’s textile collection pictured below.*

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2018 Highlights

Cemetery Preservation Technology Workshop
Preservation specialists, historians, and cemetery volunteers came together for three days of hands-on learning, funded by a grant from the National Park Service. A training video and additional resources can be found at: mthistory.org/cemetery-preservation.

Fiscal Sponsorships
Once again we served as a fiscal sponsor to statewide organizations, including a project that raised funds to purchase Dale Livezey’s *The Confluence — Headwaters of the Missouri*, a painting that has hung in the Office of the Governor of Montana since 2013. The painting is now part of the state’s permanent art collection.

2nd Annual Montana Antiques Appraisal Fair
Our appraisal fair brought over 300 people to Fort Benton to have their treasures evaluated by three experts. This fundraising event also supported our partner organization, the River and Plains Society in Fort Benton.
Grants

36 Grant Projects Funded

2 Oral History Grants

6 Education & Outreach Grants

12 Buildings & Structures Grants

$125,450 Awarded to Grant Projects

11 Collections & Artifacts Grants

5 Historic Cemeteries & Sacred Sites Grants

4 Grant Writing Workshops

For a full list of grants, visit our website at mthistory.org/grants
FY2018 Financials
(July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

Revenue FY2018
$1,078,193

Expenses FY2018
$1,659,030

- 67.5% Gifts, Grants & Gains
- 9% Administration
- 14% Rent
- 3% Royalties
- 3% Fundraising
- 0.5% Interest
- 88% Programs
- 15% Fees

Net Assets
2016 – 2018

- Property & Equipment*
- Current & Other Assets
- Investments

2016
$6,731,162

2017
$7,953,471

2018*
$6,841,770

*Includes $580,837 gift of McFarland Curatorial Center to the State of Montana
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Montana Antiques Appraisal Fair

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Butte Civic Center
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