We're almost one month in to our 2020 grant cycle! Grants up to $10,000 will be available for projects that help preserve and protect Montana's history.
501(c)(3) nonprofits and tax-exempt governmental units can apply for funds to preserve buildings and cemeteries, conserve and exhibit artifacts, collect oral histories and more. Funding details and the application link can be found here. Applications are due online by Friday, January 10, 2020. Contact Grants Manager Carissa Beckwith with any questions or to discuss your project before applying.

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**HISTORY FOUNDATION HAPPENINGS**

Congratulations to Debra L. Crow, a 4th-6th grade teacher at Garrison Elementary School in Garrison, MT, winner of the 30th Montana Statehood Centennial Bell Award as Montana History Teacher of the Year. She was selected for the honor by a panel of Montana history advocates. Crow and her students were guests of honor at a ceremony on November 8th, Montana Statehood Day. Crow received a plaque and $3,000 from the award sponsors: the Montana Television Network, the Montana History Foundation and the Sons & Daughters of Montana Pioneers.

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**BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR HISTORY**

**December** - *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* traveling exhibit is on display at Hockaday Museum of Art, 302 2nd Avenue East, Kalispell, for the month of December.

**December 3** - Giving Tuesday: give today to preserve tomorrow!

**January** - *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* traveling exhibit is on display at the Bozeman Public Library, 626 E. Main Street, for the month of January.

**January 10** - 2020 grant applications due online to www.mthistory.org by 3:00 p.m.

**January 15** - *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* author Kate Hampton lecture and book signing, 10:45 a.m., Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena

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**FEATURED PROJECT**
Maloney Cabin, Seeley Lake

The Seeley Lake Historical Society reconstructed the 100-year-old Maloney Cabin with help from a $5,000 grant from the Montana History Foundation in 2019.

The cabin was originally located along Seeley Creek, east of Highway 83, in the Maloney complex. The Maloneys operated a small store and offered a precious commodity at the time: gasoline. Destruction of the cabin was imminent when its owner offered it to the Seeley Lake Historical Society.

Salvaged logs, doors, windows and other materials were moved to the museum grounds. As part of the reconstruction process in the summer of 2019, demonstrations were held on log building techniques. The Maloney Cabin is constructed in the nordic style, rather than the more common interlocking corner style.

The Maloney Cabin now sits on the grounds of the Seeley Lake Museum and Visitor Center. Its reconstruction preserves an important piece of Seeley Lake history. It will serve as a living museum, giving the public a chance to see what life was like in a pioneer home of the early 20th century.

Read more about this month’s featured project, the Maloney Cabin, on our website!

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