History is thriving in Red Lodge. 2021 grant recipient Buses of Yellowstone Preservation Trust, Inc. (BOYPT) recently completed work on the exterior stucco of the historic Whitcomb Garage, circa 1936. It’s a big win for downtown Red Lodge which sits at the base of the scenic Beartooth Pass.

"The restoration of the stucco on the building will preserve and protect this important landmark contributing to the character of the Red Lodge Commercial Historic District," says Don Mueller, president of Buses of Yellowstone Preservation Trust, Inc. BOYPT was created to find and restore historic Yellowstone National Park tour buses, a uniquely Montana icon. The Whitcomb Garage is where this magic happens.

The impact of the grant program goes beyond this beautiful restoration. For BOYPT, it was a real shot-in-the-arm. As Mueller explains, "The grant program has enabled us, a small non-profit and all volunteer organization, the ability to achieve goals that may otherwise not be attainable."

The History Foundation board members and staff were all smiles after a ride up the Beartooth Pass in August.

Thanks to caring supporters like you, this Montana legacy will be passed on to future generations.
Bringing Grant Writing Skills to Rural Montana

This fall, Heritage Projects & Grants Manager Kate McCourt is back on the road for our annual grant writing workshops, bringing new skills to grant-seekers in Jordan, Big Timber, and Philipsburg. Workshop participants have the chance to share their ideas for potential grant projects while learning tips for making sure their upcoming applications shine.

The Montana History Foundation’s 2021 fall grant writing workshops are funded in part by grants from Humanities Montana, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Jerry Metcalf Foundation.

2022 grant applications are due January 14th

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-Zane Fulbright
History Defender
The first season of History Hikes & Walks in Helena brought history lovers together this summer to learn about infamous Helena madams and business tycoons that built early Helena. Thank you to all who joined us for the Mount Helena History Hike and the Breweries & Brothels History Walk.

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This summer's History Road Trips take you to northcentral and southwestern Montana. Come along on our virtual road trips to see Fort Assinniboine, just outside Havre, along with Fort Owen and St. Mary's Mission, both in Stevensville. The history behind each of these locations dates back to Montana's early settlement years.

Click here to watch each History Road Trip on our YouTube page.

Clockwise from top left: Fort Assinniboine, St. Mary's Mission, and Fort Owen.
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Where's Lucy?
Have you been following our office dog Lucy on her travels across the state? At left, the real Lucy visits 2021 grant recipient Robber's Roost in Laurin, MT. But 'Flat Lucy' is always busy visiting our partners in history and grant projects across the state!

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