



AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ACCOUNT; PLACING CONDITIONS ON GRANTS AND FUNDS; AMENDING SECTION 4(1), CHAPTER 710, LAWS OF 2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1. Appropriation for Montana historic preservation grant program.** (1) There is appropriated \$6,229,375 \$5,918,092 from the historic preservation grant program account established in 22-3-1307 to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to finance projects authorized in subsection (2).

(2) The following projects and applicants are authorized for grants in their order of priority:

Rank	Project/Applicant	Grant Amount
1	Carter County Museum	
	Carter County Geological Society	<del>\$500,000</del> <u>\$300,000</u>
2	Yaak Community Hall	
	Lincoln County	\$168,000
2	John Engen Building	
	Missoula Local Government Building Special District	<del>\$498,800</del> <u>\$350,000</u>
4	<del>Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art</del>	
	<del>Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art</del>	<del>\$356,377</del>
5	Lincoln School	
	Lincoln School Foundation	<del>\$364,980</del> <u>\$300,000</u>

6	KPRK Building	
	Moleo Media Group, LLC	\$500,000 <u>\$250,000</u>
7	Historic Lavina School	
	Lavina Public Schools	\$398,128 <u>\$250,000</u>
<del>8</del>	<del>Cooper Village Museum and Arts Center</del>	
	<del>Cooper Village Museum and Arts Center</del>	<del>\$233,000</del>
<del>8</del>	<del>Red Lodge Pea Cannery and Brewery Building</del>	
	<del>Metagabbro LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
8	Red Lodge Pea Cannery and Brewery Building	
	Metagabbro LLC	\$50,000
8	Yellowstone Art Museum Main Building	
	Yellowstone Art Museum	\$328,000 <u>\$210,000</u>
<del>11</del>	<del>Fountain Terrace Condominiums</del>	
	<del>Fountain Terrace Condominiums, Inc.</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
11	Octagonal Pavilion	
	Madison County	\$500,000 <u>\$200,000</u>
<del>13</del>	<del>St. Michael's Church</del>	
	<del>Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula</del>	<del>\$114,492</del>
13	St. Michael's Church	
	Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula	\$114,492
13	Historic Hamilton Town Hall	
	Hamilton, City of	\$305,607 <u>\$150,000</u>
<del>15</del>	<del>Boulder Hot Springs Bathhouse</del>	
	<del>Peace Valley Partnership, LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
<del>16</del>	<del>Building 27</del>	
	<del>Northern Rockies Heritage Center</del>	<del>\$300,971</del>
<del>16</del>	<del>W.A. Clark Jr., Prison Theater at the Old Montana Prison in Deer Lodge</del>	
	<del>Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation, Inc.</del>	<del>\$161,200</del>

18	Apsáalooke Center for Culture and History	
	Little Big Horn College	\$500,000 <u>\$250,000</u>
19	Hill County Courthouse	
	Hill County	\$500,000 <u>\$350,000</u>
<del>20</del>	<del>Historic Hotel Libby</del>	
	<del>Friends of Historic Hotel Libby</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
<del>20</del>	<del>Thompson-Hickman Memorial Building</del>	
	<del>Madison County</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
<del>20</del>	<del>Historic Shelby High</del>	
	<del>Shelby, City of</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
<del>23</del>	<del>Glendive Public Library</del>	
	<del>Dawson County</del>	<del>\$79,011</del>
<del>23</del>	<del>Sandstone and Cobblestone Schools Complex</del>	
	<del>Sandstone Preservation Community</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
<u>23</u>	<u>Sandstone and Cobblestone Schools Complex</u>	
	<u>Sandstone Preservation Community</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
25	The Recording Center	
	Mathson Design, LLC	\$50,000 <u>\$24,600</u>
<del>26</del>	<del>State School for the Deaf and Blind "Cottage 5"/Jefferson County Health Department</del>	
	<del>Jefferson County</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
26	Yucca Theatre	
	Treasure County 89ers, Inc.	\$145,000
<del>26</del>	<del>St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral</del>	
	<del>St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral of Helena</del>	<del>\$250,000</del>
<del>29</del>	<del>Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Courthouse</del>	
	<del>Anaconda-Deer Lodge County</del>	<del>\$400,000</del>
<del>29</del>	<del>Phoenix Building</del>	
	<del>National Affordable Housing Network</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>

29	<u>Anaconda Deer Lodge County Courthouse</u>	
	<u>Anaconda Deer Lodge County</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
31	Kalispell Community Thrift/Scandinavian Methodist Church	
	Community Thrift LLC	\$240,000 <u>\$50,000</u>
32	<del>Granite County Museum &amp; Cultural Center</del>	
	<del>Granite County Museum &amp; Cultural Center</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
32	Kalispell Train Depot Building	
	Kalispell, City of	\$286,337 <u>\$150,000</u>
34	<u>Mountain States Telephone Building</u>	
	<u>MSTB, LLC</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
35	<u>Butte Steam Plant Event Center</u>	
	<u>Headwaters RC&amp;D Area, Inc., on behalf of S Team LLC</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
34	<del>Mountain States Telephone Building</del>	
	<del>MSTB, LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
35	<del>Miles City Convent Keepers Community Center</del>	
	<del>Miles City Convent Keepers</del>	<del>\$434,226</del>
36	<del>Fortin Ranch House</del>	
	<del>Blarney Ranch, LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
36	<del>Butte Steam Plant Event Center</del>	
	<del>Headwaters RC&amp;D Area, Inc., on behalf of S Team LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
36	<del>Livingston Elks Lodge</del>	
	<del>Livingston Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 246</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
39	Shrine Auditorium	
	Native American Development Corporation	\$500,000 <u>\$350,000</u>
39	<del>Maclean Icehouse</del>	
	<del>Seeley Lake Historical Society</del>	<del>\$10,000</del>
41	<del>Adams Hotel</del>	
	<del>Friends of the Historic Adams Hotel</del>	<del>\$200,000</del>

42	Lewis & Clark County Courthouse	
	Lewis & Clark County	\$500,000 <u>\$300,000</u>
42	St. Patrick's Mission	
	World Museum of Mining	\$173,040 <u>\$155,000</u>
44	<u>Anaconda Montana Hotel</u>	
	Anaconda Restoration Association	\$51,000
44	<del>The Montana Hotel</del>	
	<del>Anaconda Restoration Association</del>	<del>\$100,746</del>
45	<del>Pi Chapter Delta Gamma House</del>	
	<del>Pi House Corporation of Delta Gamma</del>	<del>\$ 240,000</del>
46	<del>The Montana Building</del>	
	<del>Montana Building Condominium Association (MBCA)</del>	<del>\$481,920</del>
47	<del>Penwell Building</del>	
	<del>Urban Renewal Associates, LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
48	Anaconda Elks Club	
	Anaconda Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge 239	\$429,000 <u>\$250,000</u>
49	<del>Yellowstone Perc</del>	
	<del>Sidney Yellowstone Merc, LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
50	<del>Superior Schoolhouse</del>	
	<del>West Valley Property, LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
51	<del>Historic Libby High School/Libby Lofts</del>	
	<del>Libby Lofts, LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
52	<del>Historic Montgomery Ward Building</del>	
	<del>333 Skyline LLC</del>	<del>\$500,000</del>
53	<del>Billings Depot Caboose</del>	
	<del>Billings Depot, Inc.</del>	<del>\$236,000</del>
53	<u>Billings Depot Caboose</u>	
	Billings Depot, Inc.	<u>\$150,000</u>

53	Union Pacific Dining Lodge	
	West Yellowstone, Town of	\$500,000 <u>\$300,000</u>
55	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery	
	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery, Inc.	\$72,478 <u>\$50,000</u>
56	<del>Downtowner Building</del>	
	<del>Downtowner Group, LLC</del>	<del>\$273,000</del>
57	<del>The Red Barn at Hagerman Ranch</del>	
	<del>Basin, Inc.</del>	<del>\$228,800</del>
58	<del>Project 400</del>	
	<del>Golden Triangle Development, LLC</del>	<del>\$378,167</del>
59	Villa Theatre	
	Villa Theatre Foundation	\$500,000 <u>\$100,000</u>
60	<del>RB Drive-In</del>	
	<del>Brooks Adventures, LLC DBA RB Drive-In</del>	<del>\$109,035</del>
61	<del>Lenox Flats, LLC</del>	
	<del>Homeword Inc.</del>	<del>\$188,330</del>
61	Yellowstone Gateway Museum of Park County	
	Yellowstone Gateway Museum Foundation	\$499,620 <u>\$200,000</u>
63	<del>Main Street Building</del>	
	<del>Lonesome Prairie Properties, LLC</del>	<del>\$232,000</del>

(3) Funding for the projects in subsection (2) is provided in the order of priority as long as there are sufficient funds available from the amount that was deposited in the historic preservation grant program account during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025. The funds in this subsection (3) must be awarded for the projects and in amounts not to exceed the amounts set out in subsection (2) subject to the conditions set forth in [section 3]. However, any of the projects listed in subsection (2) that do not complete the conditions described in [section 3(1)] by September 1, 2026, must be reviewed by the next regular legislature to determine if the authorized grant should be withdrawn.

(4) If sufficient funds are available, this section constitutes a valid obligation of funds to the grant

projects listed in subsection (2) for the purposes of encumbering the funds in the historic preservation grant program account established in 22-3-1307 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, pursuant to 17-7-302. A grant recipient's entitlement to receive funds is dependent on the grant recipient's compliance with the conditions described in [section 3] and on the availability of funds.

(5) The legislature, pursuant to 22-3-1305, authorizes the grants for the projects specified in subsection (2).

(6) (a) Except as provided in subsection (6)(b), a grant recipient shall enter into a definitive, binding contract with a qualified contractor to construct the project prior to September 30 of the even-numbered year preceding the next regularly scheduled legislative session. If the grant recipient fails to meet the deadline, any obligation to the grant recipient ceases, and the funds revert to the historic preservation grant program account established in 22-3-1307 for use in the next biennium.

(b) A grant recipient who fails to meet the contract deadline for either of the following reasons may request one 2-year extension, during which the project must be placed under contract or any obligation to the grant ceases:

- (i) the project is damaged by fire or another form of casualty; or
- (ii) the grant recipient fails to find a qualified contractor to construct the project and diligently pursued all reasonable avenues to find a qualified contractor.

(7) Grant recipients shall complete all of the conditions described in [section 3(1)] by September 30, 2026, or any obligation to the grant recipient ceases.

**Section 2. Approval of grants -- completion of biennial appropriation.** (1) The legislature, pursuant to 22-3-1305, authorizes grants for the projects specified in [section 1(2)].

(2) The authorization of these grants completes a biennial appropriation from the historic preservation grant program account established in 22-3-1307.

(3) Grants to entities from prior biennia are reauthorized for the completion of contract work.

**Section 3. Condition of grants -- disbursement of funds.** (1) The disbursement of grant funds for the projects specified in [section 1(2)] is subject to the completion of the following conditions:

- (a) The grant recipient shall document that other matching funds required for the completion of the project are firmly committed.
- (b) The grant recipient must have a project management plan that is approved by the department of commerce.
- (c) The grant recipient must be in compliance with the auditing and reporting requirements provided for in 2-7-503 and establish a financial accounting system that the department can reasonably ensure conforms to generally accepted accounting principles. Tribal governments shall comply with the auditing and reporting requirements provided for in 2 CFR 200.
- (d) The grant recipient shall satisfactorily comply with any conditions described in the application or project summaries section of the Montana historic preservation grant program 2025 biennium report to the 69th legislature.
- (e) The grant recipient shall satisfy other specific requirements considered necessary by the department of commerce to accomplish the purpose of the project as evidenced by the application to the department.
- (f) The grant recipient shall execute a grant agreement with the department of commerce.
- (2) Recipients of Montana historic preservation grant program funds are subject to the requirements of the department of commerce as described in the most recent edition of the Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program Project Administration Manual adopted by the department through the administrative rulemaking process.

**Section 4. Supplemental appropriations.** In the event that the total cost of a project exceeds the amount of the grant and matching funds, the grant recipient is fully responsible for funding the cost overrun. A supplemental appropriation may not be granted to complete the project.

**Section 5. Other powers and duties of department of commerce.** (1) The department of commerce shall disburse grant funds on a reimbursement basis as grant recipients incur eligible project expenses.

- (2) If actual project expenses are lower than the projected expense of the project, the department



may, at its discretion, reduce the amount of grant funds provided to grant recipients in proportion to all other project funding sources.

**Section 6.** Section 4(1), Chapter 710, Laws of 2023, is amended to read:

(1) The portion of section 4(1), Chapter 710, Laws of 2023, appropriating money from the historic preservation grant program account to the department of commerce for the indicated project is amended to read:

"~~15~~ ~~Rocky Mountain Building~~  
~~Community Health Care Center, Inc. dba Alluvion Health~~ ~~\$400,000~~"

(2) The portion of section 4(1), Chapter 710, Laws of 2023, appropriating money from the historic preservation grant program account to the department of commerce for the indicated project is amended to read:

"~~20~~ Montana Club  
~~Original Montana Club Cooperative Association~~ Rathskeller, LLC \$90,040"

**Section 7. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

**Section 8. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 12, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

INTRODUCED BY J. FITZPATRICK

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

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