

DOLLARS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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This document includes descriptions of funding sources and programs that are available to assist historic preservation projects. In some cases, the suggested sources are not necessarily focused on historic preservation but may be used for projects that have multiple objectives. The various funding sources are organized by federal, state and foundation sources. In addition, some other tools have been provided that may be helpful.

Federal Grants

Grants.Gov

Grants.gov is a source to find and apply for federal government grants. It is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$400 billion in annual awards.

www.grants.gov

U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration

The Economic Development Administration provides funds for technical assistance, planning, and the development of projects that result in the creation of significant levels of private sector employment.

Eligible: State and local governments, Indian tribes, Economic Development Districts, public and private non-profits, universities, and other institutions of higher education.

Funding categories: Planning grants, technical assistance grants, construction grants, and revolving loan funds.

Funding available: Technical assistance grants range from about \$25,000 to \$100,000. Construction grants and revolving loan funds can range from about \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.

Match requirements: All grants require matching funds, usually on a 1 to 1 basis.

Application/Deadline requirements: Requires a pre-application Form ED-900P

Contact information:

John Rogers

301 S. Park Avenue, Suite 123

P.O. Box 578

Helena, MT 59624

(406)-449-5380

(406)-449-5381 (fax)

www.eda.gov

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services provides funding for conservation assessments and projects to museums and libraries.

Eligible: Museums and libraries.

Funding categories: Conservation, demonstration, digital collections/tools, formal education, informal learning, partnership, public programs, continuing education, and research.

Funding available: Up to \$150,000.

Match requirements: Dollar for dollar non-federal to federal monies.

Application/Deadline requirements: Varies, depending on project. Check website.

Contact information:

Institute of Museum Services
1800 M Street, 9TH Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036-5802
(202) 653-IMLS
www.imls.gov

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent federal agency created in 1965. It is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States. The Endowment provides grants for high-quality humanities projects in four funding areas: preserving and providing access to cultural resources, education, research, and public programs.

The Division of Preservation and Access provides leadership and support in the national effort to preserve and create access to cultural heritage resources that constitute the foundation for research, education, and public programming in the humanities.

Eligible: See website for specific eligibility requirements. Generally, any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies.

Funding categories: Preservation and access grants fund research, development, education, training, and other projects.

Funding available: See website.

Match requirements: No match requirements but typically only fund 50-60% of projected budget.

Application/Deadline requirements: On-line at www.grants.gov

Contact information:

National Endowment for the Humanities
1100 Pennsylvania, NW
Washington, DC 20506
1-800-NEH-1121
www.neh.gov/grants

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

National Endowment for the Arts grants support projects that exhibit, preserve, and interpret visual material through exhibitions, residences, publications, commissions, public art works, conservation documentation, and services to the federal and public programs.

Eligible: Museums and other exhibiting institutions and organizations.

Funding categories: Arts education, dance, design, literature, local arts agencies, media arts, museums, music, musical theater, and visual arts.

Funding available: \$5,000 to \$200,000 depending on the type of grant program

Match requirements: Varies by program. See website.

Application/Deadline requirements: Apply on-line at www.grants.gov.

Contact information:

(202) 682-5400

www.nea.gov

Preserve America (National Park Service) – NOT AVAILABLE IN FY2012

Preserve America offers grants that support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education and historic preservation planning.

Eligible: State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Preserve America designated communities, and communities applying for Preserve America status.

Funding categories: Research and documentation, interpretation and education, planning, marketing, and training.

Funding available: \$30,000 to \$250,000.

Match requirements: Dollar for dollar (cash or in-kind services) non-federal to federal monies.

Application/Deadline requirements: Funding cycle closed for 2010. Check website for funding updates.

Contact information:

Preserve America Grants

National Park Service

1201 “Eye” Street, NW

6th Floor (ORG. 2256)

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 354-2020

www.preserveamerica.gov

Save America’s Treasures (National Park Service) - NOT AVAILABLE IN FY2012

The Federal Save America’s Treasures program is one of the largest and most successful grant programs for the protection of our nation’s endangered and irreplaceable cultural heritage.

Eligible: Federal, state, local, and tribal government entities, and non-profit organizations.

Funding Categories: Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites. Intellectual and cultural artifacts include artifacts, collections, documents, sculpture, and works of art.

Historic structures and sites include historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects.

Funding available: \$25,000 to \$700,000

Match requirements: Dollar for dollar non-federal to federal monies.

Application/Deadline requirements: May 21, 2010. Apply on-line at www.grants.gov.

Contact information:

Hampton Tucker

Chief, Historic Preservation Grants Division

Historic Preservation Grants

National Park Service
1201 "Eye" Street, NW (2256)
Washington, DC 20005
(202)-354-2020
www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures

USDA Rural Development

The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers a number of programs in the area of housing and rural community development that can be of assistance to preservation efforts.

Eligible: Varies. See website.

Funding categories: Loans and grants are available for housing, utilities, business and cooperative programs, and community development.

Funding available: Varies, depending on program. See website.

Match requirements: See website.

Application/Deadline requirements: See website.

Contact information:

See website for local office.

www.rurdev.usda.gov

State Grants

Montana Department of Commerce, Community Development Block Grants

Community Development Block Grants are designed to help communities with development needs.

Eligible: Incorporated cities and towns, counties, and consolidated city-county governments.

Funding categories: Housing and neighborhood renewal, public facilities, planning grants, and economic development projects.

Funding available: Planning up to \$20,000. Housing and public facilities up to \$450,000.

Match requirements: Planning grants require a 50:50 or dollar for dollar match. Match must be firmly committed by the time the Community Development Block Grants are released.

Application/Deadline requirements: See website.

Contact information:

Gus Byrom at (406) 841-2777

Montana Department of Transportation, Community Transportation Enhancement Program

The Community Transportation Enhancement Program provides funds to be used for enhancement projects, including historic preservation.

Eligible: Local and tribal governments.

Funding categories: Pedestrian and bike trails, scenic easements, historic and archaeological sites, historic highway programs, and landscaping and community beautification projects.

Funding available: Funding is based on population figures and distributed by county.

Match requirements: Approximately 13.4% in non-federal match is required for all enhancement type projects.

Application/Deadline requirements: Applications may be submitted anytime provided there is funding for the project.

Contact information:

Michael Wherley, PE
Montana Department of Transportation
mwherley@mt.gov
www.mdt.mt.gov/business/ctep

Montana Arts Council, Montana Cultural Trust: Culture and Aesthetics Grant Program

The state makes grants to cultural and aesthetic projects every other year.

Eligible: Person, association, group, or governmental agency. All applications, however, must be officially sponsored by a governmental entity. Examples of government sponsors are county art or historical museums, public libraries, public educational institutions or school districts, state agencies, city arts commissions, parks and recreation departments, and tribal cultural or educational committees.

Funding categories: Operations, capital, special projects, and endowment development categories for historic preservation activities.

Funding available: See website.

Match requirements: Special projects and operational support required a dollar for dollar match of cash or in-kind services; capital expenditure grants requires three dollars of cash or in-kind match for every dollar granted.

Application/Deadline requirements: June 30, 2012.

Contact information:

Montana Arts Council
(406) 444-6430 or mac@mt.gov
www.art.mt.gov/about/about_culturalgrants.asp

State Historic Preservation Office, Montana Historical Society, Montana Preserve America (see also Federal Grants) - NOT AVAILABLE IN FY2012

The Montana State Historic Preservation Office is eligible to receive grants from the National Preserve America program (see above) and to re-issue funds as sub-grants to eligible Montana Preserve America communities. When available, the Montana State Historic Preservation Office offers Preserve America subgrants to Montana communities that have Preserve America status and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, to support preservation efforts in accordance with the Federal grant program.

Eligible: Preserve America designated communities and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices in Montana.

Funding categories: The categories vary depending on the State Historic Preservation Office's grant's focus

Funding available: Varies depending on the amount awarded to the State Historic Preservation Office by the National Park Service.

Match requirements: Dollar for dollar (cash or in-kind services) non-federal to federal monies.

Application/Deadline requirements: Varies. See the SHPO Preserve America website.

Contact information:

State Historic Preservation Office

Montana Historical Society

PO Box 201202

Helena, MT 59620-1202

(406) 444-7715

www.mhs.mt.gov/shpo/preserveamerica

State Historic Preservation Office, Montana Historical Society, Rural Property Brick and Mortar Grant- *NOT AVAILABLE IN FY2012*

The Montana State Historic Preservation Office periodically offers Rural Property Brick and Mortar Grants for the rehabilitation of historic rural, agricultural related buildings.

Eligible: Barns, grain elevators, and farm outbuildings built 50+years ago. Preference given to National Register (NR) listed buildings.

Funding categories: N/A

Funding available: \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Application/Deadline requirements: Contact State Historic Preservation Office regarding funding availability.

Contact information:

Pete Brown, State Architect

State Historic Preservation Office

Montana Historical Society

PO Box 201202

Helena, MT 59620-1202

(406) 444-7718

www.mhs.mt.gov/shpo

Montana Department of Commerce, Special Events Grants Program

Supports sustainable economic development through the creation and/or substantial enhancement of an annual on-going event. Special Events Grants Program (SEGP) funding is to be used for advertising and promotion of an event to target audiences outside a 100-mile radius of the event site.

Eligible: Montana nonprofit entity, city, county, or tribal government.

Funding categories: SEGP funding may be used for the professional design, production and printing of broadcast and print media advertising and promotion, electronic media advertising and promotion, and event website development and updates. The event must align to the “Montana Tourism & Recreation Strategic Plan 2008-2012” and the “Montana Brand” platform.

Funding available: \$2,500 up to \$80,000 (depends on funding amount in any given year).

Match Requirement: Match required based on population of town or city.

Limitations: SEGP funds cannot be used for capital improvement projects and infrastructure development, events not open to, and of interest to, the general public, members-only trade shows, conventions, conferences and workshops, reunions - class, family, etc., community auctions/ fundraisers, rummage sales, and school sporting events.

Application/Deadline requirements: Grant deadline for 2010 has passed. Consult website for future application dates.

Contact information:

(406) 841-2870

www.travelmontana.mt.gov

Montana Department of Commerce, Tourism Infrastructure Improvement Program Grant

The purpose of the Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program is to provide grant funding to facilitate the development of new tourism-related products, and the enhancement of existing products, to encourage visitors to stay in the state of Montana longer and spend more money.

Eligible: Nonprofit organizations and communities.

Funding categories: Project construction costs (brick & mortar) associated with building new and/or remodeling or preserving existing tourism and recreation attractions, historical sites and artifacts, costs associated with purchasing new and/or existing tourism and recreation attractions, historical sites and artifacts, and equipment purchased for specific tourism project operation.

Funding available: \$20,000 to maximum amount of grant funding annually.

Match requirements: \$1 for every \$2 in grant funds (must be cash)

Application/Deadline requirements: August 1st annually. Application available from Travel Montana.

Contact information:

Montana Department of Commerce

Tourism Infrastructure Development

(406) 841-2870

www.travelmontana.mt.gov

Foundations and Organizations

Hundreds of private foundations nation-wide have grant giving programs in the areas of historic preservation (capital, education, interpretation, advocacy), archaeology, paleontology, museum development and management, economic development, local capacity building, housing, and other related programs. Listed below are just a few foundations/organizations that may be helpful.

3 Rivers Communications

3 Rivers Communications was formed as a cooperative and strongly believes in the cooperative principles. The Community Enhancement Grant Program is a key element of the cooperatives' vision and Strategic Plan to assist in promoting community well being in company service areas.

Eligible: Organizations involved with community development.

Geographic focus: Company service areas.

Types of support: Varies, depending on project.

Application/Deadline information: Application form available on-line and are reviewed quarterly by the Board of Trustees.

Initial approach: A written proposal outlining planned use of funds is required before any application will be considered.

Contact information:

3 Rivers Communications

202 5th St. South

P.O. Box 429

Fairfield, MT 59436

1-800-796-4567

www.3rivers.net

Ash Grove Charitable Foundation

Eligible: Organizations involved with community development.

Funding categories: Community development.

Geographic focus: Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, and Washington.

Types of support: Annual campaigns, building/renovation, capital campaigns, employee matching gifts, equipment, general/operating support.

Limitations: Giving primarily in areas of company operations in Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, and Washington. No support for secondary schools.

Application/Deadline information: Application form not required.

Initial approach: Proposal in letter form.

Contact:

James P. Sunderland

P.O. Box 25900

Overland Park, KS 66225

(913)-451-8900

Browning-Kimball Foundation

The Browning-Kimball Foundation supports health care, including mental health associations, and programs benefiting children, youth, and social services.

Funding categories: Animals and wildlife, children and youth services, community development, education, environment, human services, libraries (public), medical research, mental health associations, and museums.

Geographic focus: Montana and Utah.

Limitations: Giving primarily in Montana and Northern Utah. No grants to individuals.

Foundation requests no recognition or publicity for grant awards given.

Initial approach: Call to request application package.

Deadline: November 20

Contact:

William S. MacFadden, Administrator
P.O. Box 375
Great Falls, MT 59403-0375
Telephone: (406) 454-1433

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization, Inc.

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization (CPR), a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings in Butte, has set aside a portion of its revenue for grants to eligible applicants for façade improvements. The goal of the Historic Improvement Program of Butte CPR is to preserve and promote the structural integrity and historic character of exterior architecture of historic buildings in Butte.

Eligible: See website.

Funding categories: Exterior painting, cleaning and wall stuccoing, replacement or repair of original architectural features, and improvements to windows, awnings and doors.

Funding available: \$100 to \$1,000 upon completion of approved project.

Application/Deadline requirements: Deadline has passed for 2010. See website.

Contact information:

Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization, Inc.
P.O. Box 164
Butte, MT 59703
(406) 490-3216
www.buttecpr.org/grants.htm

The Foster Foundation

The Foster Foundation supports programs that enhance the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest and in Alaska through support of qualified needs in the areas of arts and culture, medical research, treatment and care, education, and human welfare.

Fields of interest: AIDS, arts, children/youth, services, education, federated giving programs, health care, health organizations, higher education, homeless, human services, medical research, pediatrics, performing arts, YMCA/YWCAs, and YMHA/YWHAs.

Geographic focus: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Types of support: Building/renovation, equipment, matching/challenge support, program development, research, scholarship funds, and seed money.

Limitations: Giving primarily in the Pacific Northwest with emphasis on Seattle, Washington. No grants to individuals directly, or for fundraising, endowment funds, or unrestricted operating funds. No loans.

Application/Deadline information: Application form required.

Initial approach: Submit grant form via foundation web site

Deadline: August 31

Contact information:

The Foster Foundation
P.O. Box 1186
Woodinville, WA 98072
Telephone: (206) 726-1815
Fax: (206) 903-0628
info@thefosterfoundation.org

Humanities Montana

Humanities Montana is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the humanities, their insights and values, to the people of Montana, and enriching the intellectual, cultural, and civic life of the state. The committee supports public programs in history, philosophy, literatures and languages, and other disciplines of the humanities.

Funding categories: Conferences, workshops, seminars, lecture series, panel discussions, public debates, exhibits, programs, catalogs, oral history projects, research fellowships, school/teacher programs, radio, television, video, and film projects, book festivals, book publication, planning for humanities programs, and reading and discussion programs.

Eligible: Non-profit, governmental and education groups, including schools, colleges, and universities, museums, libraries, and historic preservation societies, state or local government agencies, unions, business and professional groups, social service organizations, community, religious, or tribal groups, non-commercial media firms, and *ad hoc* groups.

Geographic focus: Montana.

Limitations: Funded projects must have: A central focus in the humanities, a clearly defined theme, include professional humanists in the planning and execution of the project, avoid advocacy, include a public program that involves the audience in a humanities discussion, have publicity and evaluation plans, and provide a 1:1 cost-share of in-kind or other funds.

Application/Deadline information: See website for additional application information. Application form required.

Deadline: Varies, depending on grant.

Contact information:

Humanities Montana
311 Brantly
Missoula, MT 59812
1.800.624.6001 or 406.243.6022
info@humanitiesmontana.org

J.M. Kaplan Fund

The J.M. Kaplan Fund is a New-York based family foundation that supports grants in four official Grant programs, including historic preservation. The organization is interested in funding the efforts to inventory and protect North American industrial architecture.

Eligible: See website.

Funding categories: See website.

Application: The great majority of projects funded are solicited by Kaplan Fund staff. However, unsolicited written inquiries are welcome.

Application/Deadline requirements: Letter of Inquiry – no more than two pages – describing project and its relevance to the specific program interests of the Fund. Telephone inquiries are discouraged.

Contact:

Angela Carabine, Grants Manager
J.M. Kaplan Fund
261 Madison Avenue, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10016
www.jmkfund.org

Jerry Metcalf Foundation

The Jerry Metcalf Foundation awards grants to individuals and groups working to enhance Montana's natural environment and diverse communities.

Funding categories: Visual, performing, and literary arts, historical research and preservation, environmental research and conservation, and education and community health.

Eligible: Nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3)).

Funding available: \$1,000 to \$50,000.

Application/Deadline requirements: See website.

Contact information:

P.O. Box 823
Helena, MT 59624
(406) 443-6206
smokey@mcn.net
www.jerrymetcalffoundation.org

Lower Flathead Valley Community Foundation, Inc.

The Lower Flathead Valley Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization whose purpose is to bring tribal and non tribal members together to work on projects preserving and conserving the cultural, natural, and human resources of the region, with special emphasis on meeting the needs of children.

Fundraising categories: Education, preservation and conservation, culture and the arts, appropriate economic development, and civic improvement.

Limitations: No funding for religious activities, debt retirement, political organizations or campaigns, tickets for benefits, telephone solicitations, or organizations working to primarily influence legislation.

Geographic focus: Montana

Application: See website for application.

Deadlines: May submit throughout the year. Grant applications are reviewed quarterly.

Contact:

Carlene Bockman
Lower Flathead Valley Community Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 225
Ronan, MT 59864
406-676-4110
www.lfvcf.info

M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust's mission is to enrich the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest by providing grants and enrichment programs to organizations seeking to strengthen the region's educational, spiritual, and cultural base in creative and sustainable ways.

Funding categories: Educational projects and programs offered in both formal and informal settings, performance and visual arts projects which enrich the cultural environment of the region, and projects and programs to enhance the quality of life in the region, emphasizing preventive efforts which address physical, spiritual, social, and psychological needs. Programs with a focus on youth are especially valued.

Geographic focus: Priority is given to applications for the support of projects and programs conducted by qualified organizations within five states of the Pacific Northwest: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Limitations: No support for government programs, projects common to many organizations without distinguishing merit, sectarian or religious organizations whose principal activities are for the benefit of their own members. No grants to individuals. No grants for deficit financing, debt retirement, or political activities. Generally no grants for annual campaigns, general support, continuing support, endowments, or emergency funds. No loans.

Initial approach: Letter of inquiry (no longer than 2 pages). See website for information to include in inquiry letter.

Deadline: None

Contact:

Mr. Dana Miller, Senior Program Director
P.O. Box 1618
Vancouver, WA 98668
(360)-694-8415
www.murdock-trust.org

MDU Resources Foundation

The MDU Resources Foundation supports organizations involved with arts and culture, education, health, and community development.

Funding categories: Health and human services, civic and community activities, culture and arts, and environment.

Geographic focus: Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Types of support: Annual campaigns, building/renovation, capital campaigns, continuing support, employee-related scholarships, general/operating support, and scholarship funds.

Limitations: Giving primarily in areas of company operations. No grants to individuals (except for employee-related scholarships).

Application/Deadline information: Contact foundation for application form.

Deadline: None

Contact:

Rita O'Neill or contact your local company office.

rita.o'neill@MDUResources.com

<http://www.mdu.com/corporateresponsibility/foundation>

Montana History Foundation

The Montana History Foundation (MHF) a statewide nonprofit committed to the preservation of Montana's past is proud to offer grants from our Preserve Montana Fund to protect the historic legacy of communities across the state.

Funding categories: organizations and individuals who want to preserve historical assets of importance to Montana's history. These projects include buildings, particularly one-room school houses; oral histories; and collection/archival preservation.

Eligible: 501(c)(3) tax-exempt or exempt governmental unit

Funding: \$500 to \$5,000.

Application/Deadline information: See website for additional application and guideline information.

Deadline: January 11

Contact information:

Montana History Foundation

1750 North Washington Street

Helena, Montana 59601

gena@mthistory.org

mthistory.org

Montana Preservation Alliance, Montana's Endangered Industrial Architecture Grant

The Montana Preservation Alliance launched the Endangered Industrial Architecture Grant program in 2008 to offer financial assistance to communities and owners of historic properties to preserve endangered industrial structures.

Funding categories: Endangered industrial architecture. Funds will assist with the structural stabilization, repair, and preservation.

Eligible: Owners of historically and architecturally-significant buildings and structures. A 1:1 cash and/or in-kind match is required.

Funding: \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Application/Deadline information: See website for additional application information. Application form required.

Deadline: See website.

Contact:

Chere Jiusto, Executive Director

516 N. Park, Suite A

Helena, MT 59601

(406)-457-2822

<http://www.preservemontana.org>

The National Trust for Historic Preservation

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, the nation's largest nonprofit historic preservation organization, offers several types of financial assistance to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, for-profit companies, and individuals involved in preservation-related projects.

- **National Trust Preservation Funds** provides matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 for preservation planning and educational efforts and intervention funds for preservation emergencies.
- The **Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation** provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place.
- The **Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors** provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors.
- The **Montana Preservation Fund of Montana** was established in 2004 through the leadership and generosity of Ossie Abrams, David Orser, and John and Meredith Sullivan. Eligible activities include building re-use feasibility studies, structural investigations, education workshops, and other planning projects. Grant amounts may range from \$500 to \$5,000 and require a one-to-one cash match.
- The **Hart Family Fund for Small Towns** assists small town preservation and revitalization initiatives around the country. The fund focuses on towns with populations of 5,000 or less. Eligible projects include rehabilitation, feasibility studies, structural investigations, education programs, and workshops. Grants range from 5,000 to \$10,000.

Application/Deadline Requirements: June 1, 2010.

Contact information:

Mountain/Plains Office

535 16th Street, Suite 750

Denver, Colorado 80202

Phone: 303-623-1504

Fax: 303-623-1508

mpro@nthp.org

www.preservationnation.org/mpo

NorthWestern Energy Charitable Giving Program

NorthWestern Energy makes charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations involved with arts and culture, education, the environment, health and human services, community development, and civic affairs. Support is given primarily in areas of company operations.

Funding categories: Donations are generally made to those non-profit groups that have the greatest opportunity for positively affecting the communities served by NorthWestern Energy and whose efforts are focused in one of the following categories: Education, health and human services, civic and community, culture and the arts, and resource conservation.

Geographic focus: Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Types of support: Building/renovation, capital campaigns, employee matching gifts, and in-kind gifts.

Limitations: Giving primarily in areas of company operations, with emphasis on Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota. No support for national health organizations, sports teams, or athletic organizations. No grants to individuals, or for general operating support.

Application/Deadline information: A contributions committee reviews all requests. Application form required.

Initial approach: Download application form and mail to above address for organizations located in Montana. See website for applications mailed for other states.

Deadline: None

Contact information:

NorthWestern Energy

40 E. Broadway

Butte, MT 59701

www.northwesternenergy.com

Town Pump Charitable Foundation

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation was established in 1999 with the mission of providing financial support to Montana charitable or governmental organizations with a priority of supporting/meeting basic needs and education for Montana citizens.

Funding categories: Grant must be used for charitable purposes and primarily for the benefit of Montana citizens.

Geographic focus: Montana.

Limitations: Giving primarily in Montana.

Initial approach: Letter addressed to above address.

Application/Deadline information: See website.

Deadline: None

Contact information:

Town Pump Charitable Foundation

Attn: Grant Committee

P.O. Box 6000

Butte, MT 59702

(406) 497-6700

www.townpump.com/index.aspx/corporate/community_giving

2010 Tourism Cares Worldwide Grant Program

The Tourism Cares Worldwide Grant Program distributes grants to worthy nonprofit, tax exempt, organizations for conservation, preservation, restoration, or education at cultural, historic and natural tourism-related sites of exceptional significance around the world.

Funding categories: Brick-and-mortar capital improvements that serve to conserve, preserve, or restore tourism-related sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance, or programs that educate local host communities and the traveling public about the

conservation, preservation, or restoration of tourism-related sites of exceptional cultural, historical, or natural significance.

Eligible: Grant recipients must be classified as non-profit, tax-exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (or the equivalent in the case of non-U.S. organizations).

Funding available: \$7,500 to \$10,000.

Deadline: Tuesday, June 1st, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Contact information:

www.tourismcares.org

Native American Programs

A number of federal agencies administer programs in economic development, housing, training, technical assistance and research specifically for Native Americans. Specific program information may be obtained by contacting the offices listed in the following sections:

Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations

Supports historic preservation projects and programs and promotes the continuation of living cultural traditions.

Funding categories: Historic preservation projects, construction, non-construction, cultural needs assessments, collections management and other related projects.

Contact information:

Hampton Tucker

NPS Preservation Assistance Division

1201 Eye Street NW

Washington D.C. 20013-7127

Assistant Regional Director

Cultural Resources and Partnerships

Intermountain Regional Office

12795 W Alameda Parkway

PO Box 25287

Denver CO 80225

Program Manager

Cultural Resources and National Register Programs

Santa Fe Support Office

2968 Rodeo Park Drive West

Santa Fe NM 87505

DHHS Native American Programs

Promotes self-governance, business and economic development through the provision of training, technical assistance, research, demonstrations, and evaluation activities to public and private non-profit organizations.

Administration for Native Americans
Department of Health and Human Services
Room 344-F, 200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington D.C. 20003
1-877-922-9262
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana

DOI Indian Grants for Economic Development

Improves Indian reservation economies by providing seed money to attract financing from other sources for developing Indian owned-businesses. There is available funding up to \$250,000 per project.

Contact:

Director, Office of Economic Development
Bureau of Indian Affairs; Department of the Interior
Room 4060, 1849 C Street- NW
Washington D.C. 20240
(202) 208-5324
www.doi.gov/bia

HUD Public and Indian Housing

Provides housing for Indian families and individuals using various HUD programs.

Contact:

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventeenth Street-SW
Washington D.C. 20410
(202) 708-1112
www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk

Indian Housing Assistance

Intended to substantially eliminate substandard Indian housing. There is available funding up to \$45,000 per project.

Indian Loans-Economic Development

Provides Indians, Alaska natives, tribes, and Indian organizations with assistance to obtain financing from private and government sources. Available funding is in excess of \$1 million per project.

Other Tools

Center for the Rocky Mountain West

The Center for the Rocky Mountain West was authorized by the Board of Regents and created at the University of Montana in 1992 as forum to explore, examine, and articulate an inclusive regional history population. The Center examines the region, identifies patterns of history and culture, and provides the opportunity to shape the regional identity and values in the growth of the region. For information about this contact:

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Federal Tax Credit

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program encourages private sector rehabilitation of historic buildings and is one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective community revitalization programs. It generates jobs and creates moderate and low-income housing in historic buildings.

- In general, a tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the amount of taxes you owe.
- The amount of credit under this program equals 20% of the qualifying costs of your rehabilitation.
- Private residences do not qualify for this program. Eligible properties must have an income producing use upon project completion. Income producing properties are typically commercial, business, and rental properties.
- A project must be “substantial” in that your qualifying rehabilitation expenses must exceed the greater of \$5,000 or the adjusted basis of the building.
- Your building needs to be certified as a historic structure by the National Park Service.
- Rehabilitation work has to meet the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for Rehabilitation* as determined by the National Park Service.
- The federal credit can be put towards one year of back taxes and claimed incrementally over a period of 20 years.
- The National Park Service administers the tax credit program at the national level; SHPO serves as liaison between the applicant and NPS. For further information on the program visit <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax>.

State of Montana Tax Credit

The State of Montana also has a rehabilitation tax credit program that piggybacks the federal program. If a Montana tax payer is certified for the federal credit that person also meets the qualifications to claim the Montana credit. Successful applicants to this program will earn a state income tax credit equal to 25% of their federal credit (5% of the qualified costs associated with rehabilitation). For further information on the state tax credit visit <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/mca/15/31/15-31-151.htm>

Local Government Initiatives

Montana statute provides for a series of local funding mechanisms that can be used for historic preservation and related activities. These mechanisms require the approval of the local governing body, and in certain cases, the taxpayers that might be affected by the program.

Tax Increment Financing

Under the Montana Urban Renewal Law, communities may establish tax increment districts to revitalize blighted neighborhoods and central business districts. Tax increment financing means that new property tax dollars resulting from increases in the market value of real property may be directed to the neighborhood where the real property is located. The base property tax (before any improvements to real property) continues to be distributed to the local government and school districts. However, tax dollars accruing from increases in property values (from rehabilitation, new construction, etc.) are available for reinvestment in the neighborhood and can only be spent in the neighborhood where they are generated.

A tax increment program is authorized for 15 years or longer if the revenue is pledged to the payment of urban renewal bonds. A community must identify the neighborhood or business district where the program will be implemented. Funds have been used to improve the neighborhood infrastructure, for grants and loans to improve historic buildings, to manage Main Street programs, and for events. Tax increment programs depend on substantial investment in property but can work in small and medium-sized communities that are experiencing some growth. Tax increment financing can assist communities in directing growth to older, historic areas where infrastructure is already in place and patterns of use have been established. Information can be obtained from communities that have tax increment financing in place including Missoula, Great Falls, Billings, Kalispell, Butte, and Helena.

Special Districts for Business Improvement, Parking & Other Infrastructure

Neighborhood residents and downtown property owners can elect to levy special taxes on themselves for special activities and capital improvements. Business Improvement Districts, for example, can fund downtown revitalization activities, promotions and events. Parking Districts can assist development efforts in locating parking lots in a manner consistent with good community design and respectful of the historic streetscape. Older Neighborhoods can benefit from improvements to streets and sewers, lighting, and public parks through this self-funding mechanism.

To date, Helena and Great Falls have adopted Business Improvement Districts. Local Government Assistance Division of the Montana Department of Commerce (406-444-3757) can provide assistance in the establishment of special districts for infrastructure improvement.

Local Mill Levy

Montana law permits a local government to levy up to two mills (1/1000 of the taxable value of a community) for any museum, facility for the arts, or collection of exhibits. Funds can be used for operations, capital improvements, and program development. For information, contact the Montana Arts Council, (406-444-6514).