



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 \$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	\$300,000
2	Yaak Community Hall	
	Lincoln County	\$168,000
2	John Engen Building	
	Missoula Local Government Building Special District	\$350,000
5	Lincoln School	
	Lincoln School Foundation	\$300,000
6	KPRK Building	
	Moleo Media Group, LLC	\$250,000

7	Historic Lavina School	
	Lavina Public Schools	\$250,000
8	Red Lodge Pea Cannery and Brewery Building	
	Metagabbro LLC	\$50,000
8	Yellowstone Art Museum Main Building	
	Yellowstone Art Museum	\$210,000
11	Octagonal Pavilion	
	Madison County	\$200,000
13	St. Michael's Church	
	Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula	\$114,492
13	Historic Hamilton Town Hall	
	Hamilton, City of	\$150,000
18	Apsáalooke Center for Culture and History	
	Little Big Horn College	\$250,000
19	Hill County Courthouse	
	Hill County	\$350,000
23	Sandstone and Cobblestone Schools Complex	
	Sandstone Preservation Community	\$150,000
25	The Recording Center	
	Mathson Design, LLC	\$24,600
26	Yucca Theatre	
	Treasure County 89ers, Inc.	\$145,000
29	Anaconda Deer Lodge County Courthouse	
	Anaconda Deer Lodge County	\$200,000
31	Kalispell Community Thrift/Scandinavian Methodist Church	
	Community Thrift LLC	\$50,000
32	Kalispell Train Depot Building	
	Kalispell, City of	\$150,000

34	Mountain States Telephone Building	
	MSTB, LLC	\$150,000
35	Butte Steam Plant Event Center	
	Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc., on behalf of S Team LLC	\$200,000
39	Shrine Auditorium	
	Native American Development Corporation	\$350,000
42	Lewis & Clark County Courthouse	
	Lewis & Clark County	\$300,000
42	St. Patrick's Mission	
	World Museum of Mining	\$155,000
44	Anaconda Montana Hotel	
	Anaconda Restoration Association	\$51,000
48	Anaconda Elks Club	
	Anaconda Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge 239	\$250,000
53	Billings Depot Caboose	
	Billings Depot, Inc.	\$150,000
53	Union Pacific Dining Lodge	
	West Yellowstone, Town of	\$300,000
55	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery	
	Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery, Inc.	\$50,000
59	Villa Theatre	
	Villa Theatre Foundation	\$100,000
61	Yellowstone Gateway Museum of Park County	
	Yellowstone Gateway Museum Foundation	\$200,000

(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.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

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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