



Minnesota History: Building A Legacy

Report to the Governor and the Legislature on Funding
for History Programs and Projects Supported by the
Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund



Letter from MNHS CEO and Director



In July 2018, I was thrilled to take on the role of the Minnesota Historical Society's executive director and CEO. As a newcomer to the state, over the last six months, I've quickly noticed how strongly Minnesotans value their communities and how proud they are to be from Minnesota.

The passage of the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment in 2008 clearly demonstrates this. I'm inspired by the fact that 10 years ago, Minnesotans voted to commit tax dollars to bettering their state for the future, including preserving our historical and cultural heritage.

I'm proud that over 10 years, MNHS has been able to oversee a surge of communities engaging with their local history in new ways, thanks to the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF). As of December 2018, Minnesotans have invested \$51 million in history through nearly 2,500 historical and cultural heritage grants in all 87 counties.

These grants allow organizations to preserve and share stories about what makes their communities so unique through projects like oral histories, digitization, and new research. Without this funding, this important history can quickly be lost to time. A great example is the Hotel Sacred Heart—explored in our featured stories section—a 1914 hotel on the National Register of Historic Places that's sat unused since the 1990s. In recent years, the Sacred Heart Area Historical Society has worked hard to bring new life to the building through several Legacy grants.

The ACHF has also enabled many local organizations that you wouldn't traditionally think of as "doing history" to enter the field and expand the definition of Minnesota's history community. Looking through 2018's grants, you'll find organizations from the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls to Ethnic Dance Theatre to the International Institute of Minnesota doing great work to preserve their important organizational histories.

Another key aspect of Legacy funding is it encourages organizations to foster community partnerships with each other. The Heritage Partnership Program (HPP) provides grants specifically to create "sustainable, history-based partnerships throughout the state," and in 2018, many unique projects received HPP grants. You'll find projects like Hamline University and Mitchell Hamline School of Law partnering to document the histories of their law schools (which merged in 2016), and Winona County Historical Society and Winona State University's work to digitize and preserve the archives of freshwater biologist Dr. Cal Fremling.

Finally, Legacy funding has allowed MNHS to develop powerful, years-long partnerships with organizations like Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps. MNHS has partnered with Northern Bedrock since 2011 to train young adults in historic preservation skills while simultaneously doing needed maintenance and repair work on historic structures statewide. In the 2018 field season, corps members completed 17,700 hours working at 26 different sites.

It's clear that in a mere 10 years, the ACHF has helped shape a more vibrant and innovative history community in Minnesota. I look forward to the Legacy-funded work that we'll do together over the next 15 years and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Whitworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "K" and "W".

Kent Whitworth, director and CEO

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Cover image: The exhibit *Somalis + Minnesota* opened in June 2018 at the Minnesota History Center, in partnership with the Somali Museum of Minnesota. The exhibit was supported by Legacy funding.

Introduction

On November 4, 2008, Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment to preserve and enhance some of the most important elements of our state. This amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, often referred to as the “Legacy Amendment,” created four funds, one of which is the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF).

The Legacy Amendment mandates that a portion of the ACHF be used “to preserve Minnesota’s history and cultural heritage” (Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 15). Each January, the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) is required to submit an annual report to the governor and legislature detailing expenditures it has made from the ACHF.

This report details all ACHF grants awarded in CY18 and projects and programs funded through MNHS for FY19.

ACHF history projects are benefiting Minnesotans statewide by:

- Preserving our state’s most valuable historical and cultural resources for future generations
- Sharing our state’s stories and treasured resources with ever-growing audiences including students, teachers, scholars, researchers, genealogists, and the general public
- Connecting Minnesotans of all ages to each other and to history—history that is becoming more accessible than ever before

Appropriations

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund receives 19.75% of overall Legacy funding. In 2017, the legislature appropriated \$28.1 million from the ACHF to MNHS for the two-year period July 2017-June 2019. That appropriation breaks down to \$11.815 million for fiscal year 2018 and \$16.305 million for fiscal year 2019.

The legislature divided the fiscal year 2018-2019 appropriation to MNHS into the following six categories:

Category	FY18 Appropriation	FY19 Appropriation
Statewide Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants	\$4,500,000	\$6,500,000
Statewide History Programs	\$4,055,000	\$6,945,000
Statewide History Partnerships	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites	\$400,000	\$400,000
Minnesota Digital Library	\$300,000	\$300,000
Additional Projects	\$560,000	\$160,000
Total	\$11,815,000	\$16,305,000

2,439 grants totaling \$51.8 million

have been awarded across Minnesota since the Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants program's start

SINCE JULY 1, 2009,
64 COUNTIES
HAVE RECEIVED
MORE THAN \$100,000
IN LEGACY-FUNDED GRANTS

100% Return on Investment

For every \$1 of Legacy history funds invested, Minnesota receives a return on investment of \$2, which directly benefits state and local economies¹

\$2.92 PER PERSON, PER YEAR

Less than a small mocha at your favorite coffee place—that's how much each Minnesotan pays annually for the programs, partnerships, grants, and other statewide initiatives detailed in this report²

17,700 HOURS

The amount of hours Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps completed doing preservation work at 26 locations around the state during its 2018 field season

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demand for historical and cultural heritage grants outweighed available resources during calendar year 2018³

In November 2008, **56% of Minnesotans**

voted to increase their taxes to preserve Minnesota's legacy, including history and cultural heritage⁴

¹ "An Economic Analysis of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Monies: An Update" prepared by the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality, December 2012

² Based on US Census 2017 Minnesota population estimate of 5,576,606 and the FY2019 appropriation of \$16,305,000

³ Based on \$13,915,747 in overall grant requests in calendar year 2018 and \$6,248,146 in actual grant awards

⁴ Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, State Constitutional Amendments Considered, www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/mngov/constitutionalamendments.aspx

Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC)

Legislation specifies that the HRAC, a volunteer citizen panel that guides decisions for the ACHF-funded Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program, has balanced statewide membership and includes representatives of local, county, and statewide historic and cultural organizations and programs.

It further requires that the HRAC shall include, but is not limited to, members representing the interests of historic preservation, local history, archaeology, archival programs, and other cultural programs related to the history of Minnesota.

The HRAC consists of 13 members serving two-year terms and two ex-officio members. They represent a variety of disciplines and are from diverse areas of the state. The committee roster for 2018, including one vacancy:

Ann Grandy, Glenwood (Chair)

- Collections manager, Pope County Historical Society
- MA in history, Harvard Extension School
- Qualified in collection management, exhibits, research

Annette Atkins, Minneapolis

- PhD in American history/American studies, Indiana University
- Professor emerita of history, St. John's University
- Former interim executive director, Stearns History Museum
- Qualified in local history, research, governance

Mike Brubaker, Becker

- Executive director, Sherburne History Center
- PhD candidate in history, Georgia State University
- MA, Utah State University
- Qualified in local history, genealogy, archives, exhibits, and collections management

Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Duluth

- Collections manager, Glensheen, the Historic Congdon Estate
- AA degree in liberal arts, Fond du Lac Community College
- Qualified in grant writing and implementing, collection policies, and object care

Tamara Edevold, Bagley

- Executive director, Clearwater Historical Society
- BA in history, Moorhead State University
- Qualified in local history, archives, exhibits, and collections management

Michael Farnell, Rochester

- Member of MNHS Executive Council
- Emeritus professor of surgery, Mayo Clinic
- Qualified in governance

Sara M. Hanson, White Bear Lake

- Executive director, White Bear Lake Historical Society
- MA in public history, St. Cloud State University
- Qualified in local history, research, and collections

Robert Mack, Minneapolis

- 45 years of practicing preservation architecture, teaching preservation, service with preservation organizations, and technical writing on preservation subjects
- Author of the National Park Service's Preservation Briefs #1 and 2
- Adjunct professor in architecture and landscape architecture at University of Minnesota
- Qualified in historic preservation

Kathryn Ohland, St. Paul

- MS in architecture preservation and conservation, University of Minnesota
- Architectural historian
- Qualified in historic preservation

Jonathan Palmer, St. Paul

- Executive director, Hallie Q. Brown Community Center
- BA in psychology, Morehouse College
- Currently completing MA in public affairs, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- Qualified in grant management, program administration, and governance

Catherine Sandlund, Robbinsdale

- MS in architecture-heritage preservation, University of Minnesota
- Principal city planner for the city of Minneapolis
- Qualified in historic preservation with over 10 years of experience

Jill Wohnoutka, Bird Island

- Director, Kandiyohi County Historical Society
- Former director, Renville County Historical Society
- BA in history, Gustavus Adolphus College
- Qualified in local history, grant writing, archives, exhibits, and collections management

Ex Officio Members:

Phyllis Rawls Goff, president of the MNHS Executive Council

Daniel J. Schmechel, treasurer of the MNHS Executive Council

The Minnesota Historical Society Executive Council

All grant recommendations for the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program are reviewed and approved by the Minnesota Historical Society governing board, the Executive Council.

Below is the list of members who served in calendar year 2018:

Officers:

Phyllis Rawls Goff, President
William D. Green, Vice President
David R. Hakensen, Vice President
S. Kent Whitworth, Secretary
D. Stephen Elliott, Secretary (retired June 1, 2018)
Daniel J. Schmechel, Treasurer

Members of the Executive Council:

Cawo M. Abdi	MayKao Y. Hang
Eric D. Ahlness	Dennis L. Lamkin
Ford W. Bell	Jean M. Larson
Suzanne Blue	Monica Little
Kurt V. BlueDog	Peter M. Reyes Jr.
Barbara E. Burwell	William R. Stoeri
Grant W. Davis	Bo Thao-Urabe
Michael J. Davis	Ben Vander Kooi
M. Mitchell Davis	Eleanor C. Winston
Michael B. Farnell	Warren J. Zaccaro
Thomas M. Forsythe	

Ex Officio Members:

Mark Dayton, Governor
Michelle Fischbach, Lieutenant Governor
Steve Simon, Secretary of State
Lori Swanson, Attorney General
Rebecca Otto, State Auditor

Minnesota History Coalition

The Minnesota History Coalition is an advisory group composed of representatives of various history organizations in Minnesota. Using public input and members' expertise, the History Coalition developed recommendations for the legislature on how the FY18-19 ACHF appropriation for history projects and programs could best serve Minnesotans.

Minnesota History Coalition Members:

Council for Minnesota Archaeology
Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums
Minnesota Archaeological Society
Minnesota Association of Museums
Minnesota Digital Library
Minnesota Genealogical Society
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota History Advocates for Research
Minnesota State Historical Records Advisory Board
Minnesota's Historic Northwest
Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps
Preservation Alliance of Minnesota

Accountability

The Minnesota Legislature has reiterated the mandate that every project and program supported by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund report "actual measurable outcomes, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the results."

MNHS staff and partners are strongly positioned to ensure that ACHF projects and programs use best practices, current scholarship, and when appropriate, incorporate state-of-the-art technology for demonstrating measurable outcomes. During FY18-19, MNHS continued to evaluate the impact of ACHF projects and programs to ensure that they demonstrate measurable outcomes as well as economic value for citizens. These results will be shared on a website explained below.

Transparency

The Minnesota Historical Society has an obligation to the citizens of Minnesota to ensure that ACHF funds entrusted to our care are invested in ways that are transparent and will produce the greatest measurable impact on lives, enabling our state to thrive.

To meet this goal, MNHS has assisted in the building of websites that inform the public about all ACHF initiatives funded through MNHS.

Minnesota's Legacy, www.legacy.leg.mn, was created by the Legislative Coordinating Commission and contains information on all Legacy-funded projects.

Through the end of the biennium, MNHS will continue to post the most current information about history-related ACHF initiatives ensuring transparency and responsible stewardship of the funds.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund History Appropriations Language

Session Law Reference: Laws of Minnesota 2017, chapter 91, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4

Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society, FY2018: \$11,815,000, FY2019: \$16,305,000

(a) These amounts are appropriated to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and its cultural and historical resources. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Funds directly appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society must be used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for historic preservation projects that improve historic structures, the amounts are available until June 30, 2021. The Minnesota Historical Society or grant recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society using arts and cultural heritage funds under this subdivision must give consideration to Conservation Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization carrying out similar work, for projects with the potential to need historic preservation services.

(b) Historical Grants and Programs

(1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants

\$4,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000 the second year are for history programs and projects operated or conducted by or through local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Funds are to be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society must administer these funds using established grant mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

(2) Statewide History Programs

\$4,055,000 the first year and \$6,945,000 the second year are for programs and purposes related to the historical and cultural heritage of the state of Minnesota conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society.

(3) History Partnerships

\$2,000,000 each year is for partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

(4) Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites

\$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year are for a contract or contracts to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys must be published in a searchable form and available to the public free of cost. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the

State Archaeologist, and the Indian Affairs Council must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys. The oversight board must consult with the Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources.

(5) Digital Library

\$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society must cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and must jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

(6) Grants

\$80,000 each year is for a grant to the board of directors of the Carver County Historical Society to restore the historic Andrew Peterson farm in Waconia.

\$80,000 each year is for a grant to the city of Woodbury to work in collaboration with the Woodbury Barn Heritage Commission to restore the Miller Barn and historical programming at the Miller Barn in Woodbury.

\$100,000 the first year is to restore the stained glass in the historic Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources. The historical society may work in collaboration with the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

\$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the Fairmont Opera House to restore and renovate the historic Fairmont Opera House.

\$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the Litchfield Opera House to restore and renovate the historic Litchfield Opera House.

FEATURED STORIES



The House of Memories program uses museum resources to help those living with dementia and their caregivers.

Minnesota Historical Society Launches House of Memories Dementia Awareness Program

Dementia is one of today's biggest global health challenges. In Minnesota alone, more than 94,000 people are living with Alzheimer's disease, and more than 254,000 family and friends are providing care. The need for programs that support those living with memory loss and their caregivers is critical, and museums are well-suited to help.

With support from the ACHF, the Minnesota Historical Society launched "House of Memories" in September 2018, a dementia awareness program that provides person-centered care for people to live well with dementia. The program includes training workshops for professional and family caregivers, access to resources, and museum-based activities, including the "My House of Memories" app. National Museums Liverpool first created the House of Memories program.

The app features more than 100 interactive pages of MNHS collection items, which can help those living with dementia draw on memories to create personal connections with family, friends, and caregivers. The collection items include objects, photographs, music, and video that were curated by people living with dementia and their caregivers.

Because African Americans are two times more likely than non-Hispanic whites to be diagnosed with late-stage Alzheimer's, MNHS worked closely with community advisers to make sure the app has culturally relevant images and objects, and that the workshop training fully incorporates the African American experience for people living with dementia.

"Seeing how these museum resources can create meaningful, person-centered engagement for American audiences, and African Americans in particular, has been very rewarding," said Kent Whitworth, director and CEO of the Minnesota Historical Society.

The "My House of Memories" app is free and can be downloaded to tablets and smartphones from iTunes and Google Play.

The Mayo Clinic's Charter House, Rakhma Homes, and St. Paul African American Faith ACT Community are community partners on this project. Additional support is provided by an Institute of Museum and Library Services planning grant and prestigious Community Anchors grant.



Dancers and Qeej players performing from a Hmong Cultural Center exhibit panel on the Qeej, a traditional instrument.

Hmong Cultural Center Celebrates Folk Culture with New Exhibit Elements

The Hmong Cultural Center in St. Paul now has new interpretive panels and audio-visual interactives that showcase the long tradition of Hmong folk culture, thanks to a \$10,000 Legacy grant.

Staff used the grant to produce five new panels about the Qeej musical instrument (pronounced ghlang), wedding songs, funeral songs, and an introduction to embroidery and common Hmong embroidery symbols. In addition, they installed seven iPad stations with videos that bring these musical and textile traditions to life.

“The Hmong Cultural Center interactive exhibits, supported in part by the [Legacy] grant, will help our center teach hundreds of visitors each year at interactive iPad stations about important Hmong folk arts traditions as well as Hmong culture and history,” said Txongpao Lee, executive director of the Hmong Cultural Center.

The new content is part of a larger exhibit on Hmong history and culture, which includes how Hmong soldiers supported the United States in Laos during

the Vietnam War, what the worldwide Hmong diaspora looks like today, and details about the Hmong clan system, written language, and religion.

Visitors can also explore many milestones in the growth of the Hmong community in Minnesota and the diversity of the community today. Today, there are more than 85,000 Hmong in Minnesota, and the Twin Cities metro is home to the largest urban concentration of Hmong in the US.

The Hmong Cultural Center has been in St. Paul for 26 years, and at its current location at Western and University for about five years. In addition to the museum, the center is home to a resource library that includes what may be the most comprehensive collection of Hmong-related literature, scholarly research, and multimedia materials in North America.

Staff also support Hmong community members with classes on citizenship, general and occupational ESL, and career advising. They also offer arts classes on Hmong dance, wedding and funeral songs, and playing the Qeej.



St. Cloud State University faculty and students conduct excavation work at the site of Fort Fair Haven.

St. Cloud State University Explores Archaeology of US-Dakota War of 1862 in Central Minnesota

For the last several years, St. Cloud State University (SCSU) has used Legacy grants to investigate a little-researched piece of US-Dakota War 1862 history: civilian-built forts and stockades. Spurred by rumors and intense fears of fighting with the Dakota occurring in their communities, citizens across the state quickly built more than 50 forts during fall 1862, though most were never used.

In 2015 and 2016, SCSU faculty and students worked to determine the location of Fort Fair Haven, a defensive stockade that area citizens built around an old log building in Stearns County. Historical research pointed to a site a few blocks from a city park. In summer 2015, the team surveyed the site and did an archaeological field investigation in summer 2016.

Findings indicate that this site is very likely the location of Fort Fair Haven. The crew found many archaeological artifacts, including ceramics, shotgun shells, a button, and machine-cut square nails, all likely from the 19th century. The crew also found evidence of wooden posts that would have formed the fort's defensive wall.

In recent years, faculty and students also looked for the site of Fort Holes, built in a week by the people of St. Cloud in 1862 and dismantled a few years later. Archival research pointed to a site on the SCSU campus near its tennis courts, and the team conducted an archaeological survey and testing at the location.

While the team didn't find definitive evidence of Fort Holes, SCSU grad student Charles Peliska—who used the project for his 2018 master's thesis—feels that archival records and the project's findings indicate SCSU is the likely location.

In summer 2018, SCSU's anthropology department received a grant to do a future archaeology project to search for remains of a military post in Sauk Centre. This stockade was built in 1863 in the aftermath of the US-Dakota War, in part to reassure white citizens in central Minnesota and to demonstrate US military power to Native peoples in the area. In the past, little archaeology work has been done to explore US military presence in the area after the war.



The Hotel Sacred Heart was built in 1914, and the Sacred Heart Area Historical Society is currently working to restore it.

Sacred Heart Area Historical Society Works to Restore 1914 Hotel

In 1914, a group of investors in the small town of Sacred Heart opened a hotel in their downtown. In addition to being a short walk from the local train depot with business travelers coming and going, the hotel was built to take advantage of the country's growing automobile craze. In 1912, the Yellowstone Trail, an early tourist route across the country, was established, and it went right through Sacred Heart.

The building operated as a hotel until 1978 and was a main venue for Sacred Heart residents to hold local banquets and private dinners. The building was eventually divided and operated as apartments until the late 1990s.

After that, the building sat largely unused and uncared for until 2014 when the Sacred Heart Area Historical Society (SHAHS) purchased the historic building in order to restore and revitalize it, in part thanks to Legacy funding.

In recent years, Legacy grants have helped support a National Register of Historic Places nomination

for the hotel (it made the list in 2016), a reuse and feasibility study, and the preparation of construction documents. A 2017 reuse and feasibility study explored several possible options for the hotel's future, including retail, apartments, an event center, and assisted living facilities. SHAHS is still considering the best reuse option.

In late 2018, SHAHS received a Legacy grant of \$199,150 to support the first phase of construction to restore the building's exterior and address architectural and structural concerns to prevent further deterioration. This work will focus on tasks like repointing masonry, repairing window and door lintels, and restoring the front porch, which has severely deteriorated over time.

The first phase of construction work is expected to be completed between May and November 2019, the first step in physically redeveloping the hotel into a revitalized historic landmark in the Sacred Heart community.

CY18 REPORT OF MINNESOTA HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS



The Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) meeting at the Minnesota History Center.

The ACHF-funded Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program provides a valuable opportunity for nonprofit and educational organizations, government units, and tribal organizations across Minnesota to preserve and share the state’s history and cultural heritage.

The Minnesota Historical Society administers the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program and awards grants based on the recommendations of the Historic Resources Advisory Committee.

Through a competitive process, 2,439 grants totalling over \$51 million have been awarded to 831 organizations in every county in Minnesota since the Legacy Amendment was passed in 2008.

Since the last report was published in January 2018, 213 grants, totalling more than \$6.2 million have been awarded in 62 counties to 179 organizations across Minnesota.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are available in two tiers:

- Small or Structured Grants of \$10,000 or less
- Large Grants of more than \$10,000

Ten percent of grants funding is used to administer and ensure the success of the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program. The funds allow MNHS to lead statewide grant-writing workshops and webinars, assist applicants with technical information critical to submitting a successful grant application, and support recipients throughout the life of their project.

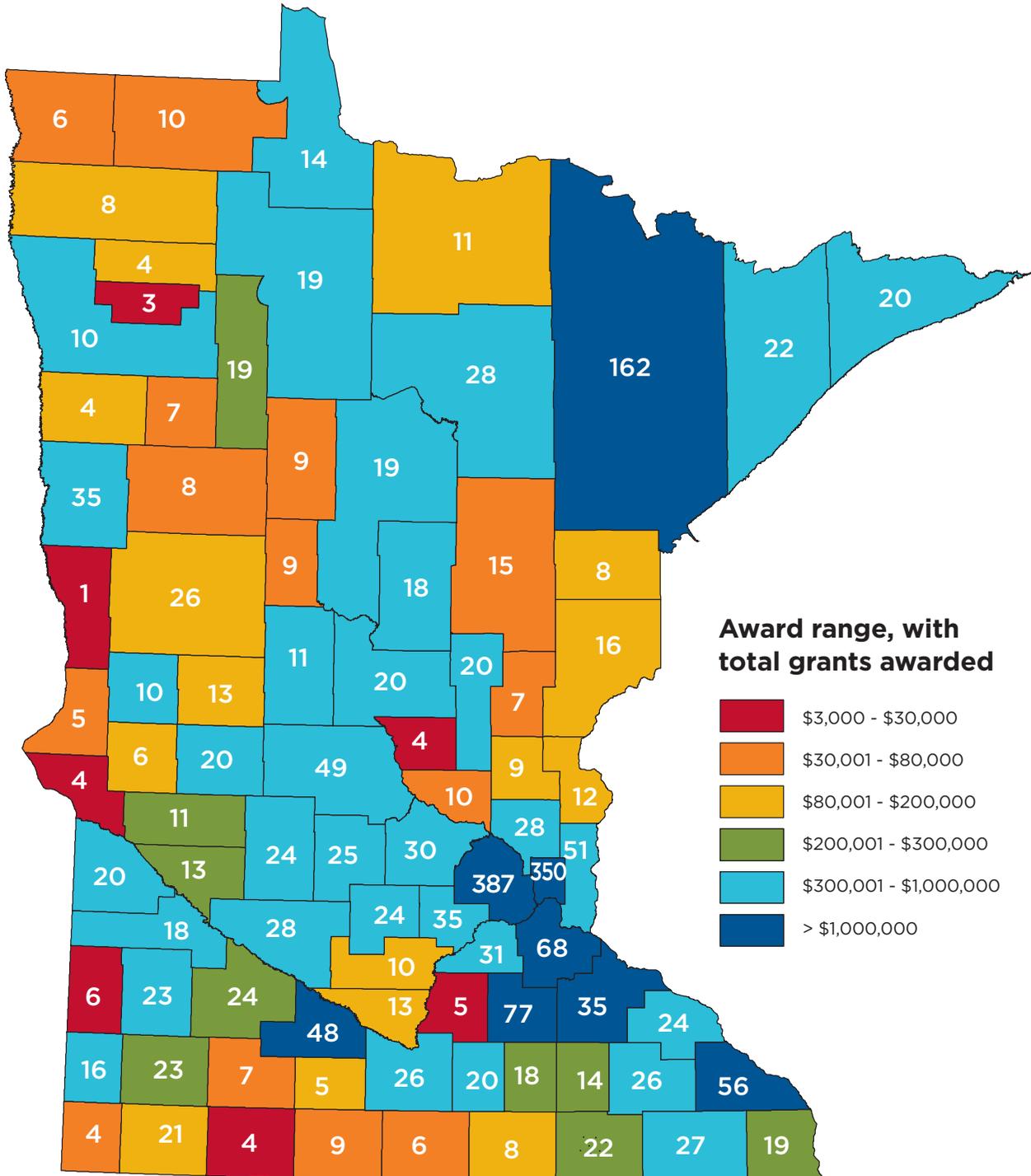
To assure transparency and measurable outcomes of projects, grants staff members conduct onsite visits required by the Minnesota Office of Grants Management and, throughout the grant life cycle, monitor the progress of all awarded grants.

All grants awarded between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2018 are listed on pages 13-29. Information on projects funded through future grant rounds will be available at legacy.mnhs.org.

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Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants July 1, 2009-Dec. 31, 2018

Amount invested: \$51,809,749
Total grants awarded to date: 2,439



Senate District 01, House District 01A

City of Middle River

Pioneer Press Historic Building National Register Evaluation, \$7,000

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Pioneer Press building in Middle River for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Middle River, Marshall County

Kittson County Historical Society

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Lake Bronson, Kittson County

Pennington County

City Auditorium National Register Nomination, \$6,730

To hire a qualified historian to complete a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for City Auditorium in Thief River Falls.

Thief River Falls, Pennington County

Senate District 01, House District 01B

Prairie Skyline Foundation Inc.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Stabilization, \$206,608

To hire qualified professionals to stabilize the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Crookston, Polk County

St. Peter Parish

Evaluation of Building Mechanical System (HVAC), \$6,100

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the building environment.

Crookston, Polk County

Senate District 02, House District 02A

Clearwater County Historical Society

Lighting Upgrades to Storage and Exhibit Galleries, \$28,775

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Clearwater County Historical Society's lighting system.

Bagley, Clearwater County

Lake of the Woods County Historical Society Security Assessment, \$4,500

To hire a qualified security professional to develop a museum security plan.

Baudette, Lake of the Woods

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Division of Fish and Wildlife)

Norris Camp Historic Structure Report, \$55,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a historic structure report that will help preserve Norris Camp, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Roosevelt, Lake of the Woods

Senate District 02, House District 02B

White Earth Reservation Tribal Council

Installation of Window Film to Protect Cultural Items, \$10,000

To improve lighting conditions in the museum by installing UV window film.

White Earth, Becker County

Senate District 03, House District 03A

Citizens for Backus AB

Condition Assessment for 1912 Alexander Baker School, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the 1912 Alexander Baker School, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

International Falls, Koochiching County

City of Ely

Pioneer Mine Site Condition Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Pioneer Mine Site, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Ely, St. Louis County

Cook County Historical Society

Architectural Drawings and Engineering

Specification for Bally Blacksmith Shop, \$9,999

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings and specifications for the Bally Blacksmith Shop, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Grand Marais, Cook County

Cook County Historical Society

Research the Influence of Jack Linklater on Sigurd Olson, \$9,035

To hire a qualified professional to research and write an essay on Jack Linklater's influence on Sigurd Olson.

Grand Marais, Cook County

**Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society
Survey of the Madeira Schooner-Barge, Phase 1,
\$9,961**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a survey of the *Madeira* schooner-berge.

Lake County

**Listening Point Foundation
Online Tour of Listening Point, \$6,050**

To hire qualified professionals to develop a script and preliminary video for an online tour of Sigurd Olson's Listening Point property and writing shack.

Ely, St. Louis County

Senate District 03, House District 03B

**City of Two Harbors (Public Library)
Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,040**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Two Harbors, Lake County

**Lake County Historical Society
Inventory of 3D Artifacts, \$75,270**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Two Harbors, Lake County

**Lake County Historical Society
Mold Abatement and Environmental Control,
\$9,833**

To monitor, assess, and make necessary changes to environmental controls for mold remediation.

Two Harbors, Lake County

Senate District 04, House District 04A

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
More Room for Shelving, \$5,296**

To provide appropriate storage materials for museum collections.

Moorhead, Clay County

**St. John the Divine Episcopal Church
(Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota)
Saving Cass Gilbert's St. John the Divine Church,
Roof Replacement, \$134,520**

To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof on St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Moorhead, Clay County

Senate District 04, House District 04B

**City of Barnesville
Acoustic Evaluation of Old City Hall Opera House,
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct an acoustic evaluation of the former opera house space in the Old City Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Barnesville, Clay County

Senate District 05, House District 05B

**City of Coleraine
Condition Assessment for 1910 Coleraine City Hall,
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Coleraine City Hall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Coleraine, Itasca County

**Itasca County Historical Society
HVAC Assessment Recommendations, \$4,600**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.

Grand Rapids, Itasca County

**North Central Minnesota Farm and Antique
Association
Repair Boiler in 1903 J.I. Case Steam Traction
Engine, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified professional to repair a significant object in the museum's collections.

Grand Rapids, Itasca County

Senate District 06, House District 06A

**Hibbing Public Library
Minnesota History Bookshelf, \$523**

To add 19 Minnesota history books to Hibbing Public Library's holdings to make this information more accessible to the public.

Hibbing, St. Louis County

**Minnesota Discovery Center
Sulfide Mining Oral History Project, \$3,229**

To document in 12 oral history interviews the history of sulfide mining in Minnesota.

Chisholm, St. Louis County

Senate District 07, House District 07A

**Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps
Rehabilitate Two Halfway Ranger Station Historic
District Dwellings, \$197,800**

To hire qualified professionals to rehabilitate the Ranger Dwelling and the Lake States Forest Experimental Station Dwelling, listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Halfway Ranger Station Historic District.
Duluth, St. Louis County

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Glensheen)****Glensheen Stained Glass Conservation,
Main Staircase Landing, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified conservator to restore a significant object in the museum's collections.
Duluth, St. Louis County

**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(Writing Studies Department at University of
Minnesota Duluth)****Awareness, Reconciliation, and Change: A History
of Antiracist Activism in Duluth, \$3,000**

To document in eight to nine oral history interviews the history of antiracist community activists in Duluth.
Duluth, St. Louis County

Senate District 07, House District 07B

**Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center
Authority****Restoration of the William A. Irvin Ship Museum,
\$504,000**

To hire qualified professionals to repair the *William A. Irvin* bulk freighter, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and operated as a museum.
Duluth, St. Louis County

**St. Louis County Historical Society
PEM2 Dataloggers for Preservation Monitoring,
\$2,792**

To monitor, assess, and make necessary changes to environmental controls at the museum sites.
Duluth, St. Louis County

Senate District 08, House District 08A

**Prospect House Museum
Civil War Museum Education Program, Phase 2,
\$9,984**

To hire a qualified professional to develop educational resources on the Civil War for area schools.
Battle Lake, Otter Tail County

Senate District 08, House District 08B

**City of Henning
Henning Landmark Center National Register
Evaluation, \$7,500**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Henning Landmark Center for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
Henning, Otter Tail County

**City of Henning
Trinity Lutheran Church Condition Assessment,
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Trinity Lutheran Church building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
Henning, Otter Tail County

**Minnesota Lakes Maritime Society
Legacy of the Lakes Museum 3-5 Year Exhibit
Schedule Plan, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan for the Legacy of the Lakes Museum.
Alexandria, Douglas County

**Minnesota Lakes Maritime Society
Wooden Boats Exhibit, Research and Planning,
\$10,000**

To conduct and prepare research for an upcoming exhibit on the history of wooden racing boats in Minnesota.
Alexandria, Douglas County

Senate District 09, House District 09A

**Clarissa Community Museum
Planning for Redesign of Museum Lighting, \$7,994**

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan.
Clarissa, Todd County

**Heritage Group North Inc.
Abe White Farm National Register Evaluation,
\$9,750**

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Abe White Farm for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
Pine River, Cass County

Senate District 09, House District 09B

**Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls
Franciscan Sisters History Book, \$7,125**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, 1950-present.

Little Falls, Morrison County

**Friends of Linden Hill Inc.
Linden Hill Updated National Register Nomination,
\$9,500**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an updated nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Linden Hill, which includes the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser and Richard Musser houses.

Little Falls, Morrison County

**Morrison County Historical Society
Increasing Collections Storage Capacity -
Archives, \$86,800**

To provide better storage conditions, allowing for greater public access to objects in the collection.

Little Falls, Morrison County

**Todd County
Rock Wall Condition Assessment, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Todd County Courthouse Rock Wall, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Long Prairie, Todd County

Senate District 10, House District 10A

**Crow Wing County Historical Society
Rehousing Collection Storage, \$47,649**

To improve collections care and management through proper storage.

Brainerd, Crow Wing County

Senate District 10, House District 10B

**Aitkin County Historical Society
StEPs Assessment Program, \$895**

To provide Aitkin County Historical Society with professional continuing education through a national museum training program.

Aitkin, Aitkin County

Senate District 11, House District 11B

**Pine County Historical Society
Inventory of Collections, Phase 5, \$9,905**

To provide better organization of the Pine County Historical Society collections materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic information.

Askov, Pine County

**Pine County Historical Society
Rehousing of Textiles & Artifacts, \$9,655**

To improve collections care and management through proper storage.

Askov, Pine County

Senate District 12, House District 12A

**Grant County
Courthouse Decorative Elements and Historical
Woodworking Conservation and Preservation,
Phase 2, \$120,000**

To conserve, stabilize, and restore historic decorative elements in the Grant County Courthouse, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Elbow Lake, Grant County

**Taylor Township
District 44 School Artifact Analysis and Curation,
\$10,000**

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct an analysis of the artifacts found at District 44 School.

Tintah, Traverse County

Senate District 12, House District 12B

**Melrose Area Historical Society
Museum Lighting, Phase 2, \$38,510**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Melrose Area Historical Society's lighting system.

Melrose, Stearns County

**Pope County Historical Society
Comprehensive Interpretive Plan, \$37,250**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for Pope County Historical Society.

Glenwood, Pope County

Sauk Centre Area History Museum and Research Center

Creamery Building Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Blue Valley Creamery, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sauk Centre, Stearns County

Sinclair Lewis Foundation

Sinclair Lewis Boyhood Home and Carriage House Predevelopment, \$63,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for reuse of the Sinclair Lewis Boyhood Home and Carriage House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sauk Centre, Stearns County

Senate District 14, House District 14A

St. Cloud State University

General Conservation Assessment & Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$6,543

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan.

St. Cloud, Stearns County

St. Cloud State University (Department of Anthropology)

Detecting the 1862 US Military Post at Sauk Centre, \$10,000

To locate the material remains of a US military post built during the US-Dakota War of 1862.

St. Cloud, Stearns County

Stearns History Museum

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$10,000

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

St. Cloud, Stearns County

Senate District 14, House District 14B

Great River Regional Library

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$8,990

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

St. Cloud, Stearns County

Senate District 15, House District 15A

City of Ogilvie

Ogilvie Water Tower Condition Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Ogilvie water tower, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Ogilvie, Kanabec County

Milaca Area Historical Society

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Milaca, Mille Lacs County

Mille Lacs County Historical Society

Planning for Redesign of Museum Lighting, \$8,164

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan.

Princeton, Mille Lacs County

Senate District 16, House District 16A

City of Canby

Historic Canby Theatre Plans and Specifications, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the historic Canby Theatre, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Canby, Yellow Medicine County

City of Dawson

Dawson Armory and Community Building Condition Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Dawson Armory and Community Building, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Dawson, Lac qui Parle County

City of Granite Falls

Andrew J. Volstead House Conditions Assessment, \$17,500

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Andrew J. Volstead House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine County

Lyon County Historical Society

Making Lyon County Home, Exhibit Fabrication and Installation, \$265,585

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install an exhibit about Lyon County, Minnesota.

Marshall, Lyon County

Senate District 16, House District 16B

Brown County

West Attic Level Masonry, Terracotta, and Window Restoration, \$167,969

To hire qualified professionals to repair masonry, terracotta, and windows on the New Ulm Post Office, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and headquarters of the Brown County Historical Society.

New Ulm, Brown County

Brown County Historical Society

Establish an Environmental Monitoring Plan, \$3,408

To monitor, assess, and make necessary changes to environmental controls at the museum.

New Ulm, Brown County

Brown County Historical Society

General Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$4,700

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan.

New Ulm, Brown County

City of Belview

Historic Odeon Theatre Condition Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to develop architectural roof drawings and a condition assessment for reuse of the historic Odeon Theatre, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Belview, Redwood County

City of Springfield (Springfield Public Library)

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Springfield, Brown County

Lind House Association Inc.

John Lind House Condition Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the John Lind House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

New Ulm, Brown County

Redwood Falls Public Library (Plum Creek Library System)

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$10,000

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Redwood Falls, Redwood County

Springfield Area Historical Society

HVAC Evaluation 2018, \$6,000

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.

Springfield, Brown County

Senate District 17, House District 17A

Chippewa County Historical Society

Update Collections Management System to CollectiveAccess, \$9,985

To update Chippewa County Historical Society's collections management software to provide better stewardship of the information.

Montevideo, Chippewa County

Sacred Heart Area Historical Society

Hotel Sacred Heart, Phase 1 Construction, \$199,150

To hire qualified professionals for exterior repair of the Hotel Sacred Heart, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sacred Heart, Renville County

Senate District 17, House District 17B

Kandiyohi County Historical Society

Albert H. & Jennie C. Sperry House National Register Nomination, \$5,432

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Albert H. and Jennie C. Sperry House in Willmar.

Willmar, Kandiyohi County

Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums

Resource Library, \$9,988

To add Minnesota history books to the grantee's holdings to make this information more accessible to history organizations across the state.

Willmar, Kandiyohi County

Pioneerland Library System

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Willmar, Kandiyohi County

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Senate District 18, House District 18A

**Cokato Historical Society
Gust Akerlund Studio National Register
Nomination Update, \$9,000**

To hire a qualified historian to complete an updated nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Gust Akerlund Studio.

Cokato, Wright County

**Dassel Area Historical Society
Museum Lighting Redesign, \$7,375**

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan.

Dassel, Meeker County

**Dassel Area Historical Society
Dassel Photo Accession and Digitizing, \$7,500**

To digitize a collection of photographs, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

Dassel, Meeker County

**McLeod County Historical Society
Creating an Interpretive Plan, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to write an interpretive plan for McLeod County Historical Society.

Hutchinson, McLeod County

Senate District 18, House District 18B

**Glencoe Historic Preservation Society
Researching Historic Properties in Glencoe,
Phase 1, \$9,938**

To hire a qualified historian to research historic properties in Glencoe.

Glencoe, McLeod County

**Sibley County Historical Society
Inventory of 3D Collection, \$94,953**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Henderson, Sibley County

Senate District 20, House District 20B

**Carleton College
A Biography of John William Nason, Writing,
Phase 3, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce five chapters of a manuscript on the history of former Carleton College president John William Nason.

Northfield, Rice County

**Carleton College
Design and Print Publication: Carleton 1968,
\$6,700**

To hire qualified professionals to publish an essay on the history of Carleton College in 1968.

Northfield, Rice County

**Northfield Historical Society
Northfield History Collaborative Primary Source
Sets, \$8,000**

To research and write a collection of primary source sets that will interpret digitized materials from the online Northfield History Collaborative.

Northfield, Rice County

**Norwegian-American Historical Association
Plan to Digitize O.E. Rolvaag Collection, \$10,000**

To hire a professional to develop a digitization plan for a collection of O.E. Rolvaag's papers, allowing for greater public access to this historic resource.

Northfield, Rice County

**St. Olaf College
The History of Japanese American College
Students in Minnesota During WWII (1941-1946),
\$9,980**

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of Japanese American college students during World War II in Minnesota.

Northfield, Rice County

Senate District 21, House District 21A

**The Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
Balcony Restoration of Historic Water Tower,
\$107,500**

To hire qualified professionals to restore the balcony on the Anderson Center water tower, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Red Wing, Goodhue County

**Wabasha County Historical Society
Reads Landing Schoolhouse Evaluation of Building
Mechanical System (HVAC), \$8,000**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.

Lake City, Wabasha County

Senate District 21, House District 21B

Plainview Area History Center Acquire Elgin Monitor and Elgin Free Press Newspapers on Microfilm, \$3,338

To add 41 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Plainview, Wabasha County

Rollingstone Luxembourg Heritage Museum National Register Evaluation, \$7,500

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the Rollingstone Luxembourg Heritage Museum.

Rollingstone, Winona County

West Concord Historical Society West Concord School National Register Evaluation, \$7,000

To hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the West Concord School.

West Concord, Dodge County

Senate District 22, House District 22A

City of Pipestone Pipestone Public Library Conditions Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Pipestone Public Library, now the Pipestone Senior Center, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Pipestone, Pipestone County

Murray County Historical Society The 1920s: A Decade of Change in Murray County, \$9,700

To hire a qualified historian to conduct primary source research on the history of the 1920s in Murray County.

Slayton, Murray County

Murray County Historical Society Dinehart Holt House Architectural Drawings, \$27,621

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Dinehart Holt House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Slayton, Murray County

Murray County Historical Society HVAC Assessment, \$10,000

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.

Slayton, Murray County

Murray County Historical Society Agriculture Equipment Inventory, \$7,488

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Slayton, Murray County

Senate District 22, House District 22B

Nobles County Evaluation of Worthington Armory Mechanical System (HVAC), \$9,900

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system will provide appropriate controls for Nobles County Historical Society's museum environment.

Worthington, Nobles County

Nobles County Historical Society Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm, \$9,313

To add 103 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Worthington, Nobles County

Nobles County Historical Society Audience and Market Analyses, \$10,000

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct audience and market analyses for Nobles County Historical Society.

Worthington, Nobles County

Nobles County Library & Information Center Acquire Worthington Daily Globe Microfilm Rolls from May 2010 through 2015, \$5,830

To add 68 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to the library's holdings to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Worthington, Nobles County

Senate District 23, House District 23A

City of Easton

Easton Water Tower National Register Evaluation, \$8,500

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Easton Water Tower for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Easton, Faribault County

Martin County Historical Society

Historical Articles Book, Publishing Phase, \$4,553

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of Martin County.

Fairmont, Martin County

Senate District 24, House District 24A

Steele County Historical Society

American Legion Centennial Exhibit, Phase 2, \$8,440

To hire qualified consultants to develop a research report and exhibit script on the history of the American Legion in Steele County.

Owatonna, Steele County

Waseca County Historical Society

Restoration of Hofmann Apiaries Honey House and Wax Shed, Phase 1, \$163,700

To hire qualified professionals to replace the roof and restore the honey house and wax shed at the Hofmann Apiaries, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Waseca, Waseca County

Senate District 24, House District 24B

Rice County Historical Society

Collection Preservation, Access, and Storage Project, \$115,936

To improve collections care and management through proper storage.

Faribault, Rice County

Rice County Historical Society

Hats and Shoes Recataloging and Rehousing, \$7,601

To improve collections care and management through proper storage.

Faribault, Rice County

Rice County Historical Society

MNopedia Articles on Nerstrand, \$4,455

To create 11 entries about the town of Nerstrand for the MNopedia project for online research.

Faribault, Rice County

Senate District 25, House District 25A

Kasson Alliance for Restoration Inc.

Kasson School Restoration, Construction Documents, \$7,328

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for reuse of the Kasson School, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Kasson, Dodge County

Senate District 26, House District 26A

Charles E. Gagnon Museum and Sculpture Garden General Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan, \$4,273

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long range collections preservation plan.

Rochester, Olmsted County

Senate District 26, House District 26B

Olmsted County Historical Society

Planning for Redesign of Exhibit and Collection Space Lighting, \$8,294

To hire a qualified museum lighting professional to develop a museum lighting plan.

Rochester, Olmsted County

Olmsted County Historical Society

Rochester State Hospital Oral History, \$5,070

To document in oral history interviews the history of the closure of the Rochester State Hospital.

Rochester, Olmsted County

Senate District 27, House District 27A

City of Blooming Prairie

Blooming Prairie Water Tower National Register Evaluation, \$6,763

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Blooming Prairie water tower for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Blooming Prairie, Steele County

City of Walters

Save the Walters Jail, Architectural Drawings, \$20,000

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for reuse of the Walters Jail, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Walters, Faribault County

Senate District 27, House District 27B

Mower County Historical Society

Lyle Oral History, Phase 3, Lyle Beyond the City, \$7,947

To document in 10 oral history interviews the history of Lyle and surrounding communities.

Austin, Mower County

Senate District 28, House District 28A

City of Winona

Winona Athletic Club National Register Evaluation, \$7,500

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Winona Athletic Club for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Winona, Winona County

City of Winona

Winona Masonic Temple Exterior Restoration, \$316,993

To hire qualified professionals to repair the exterior of the Winona Masonic Temple, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Winona, Winona County

Islamic Center of Winona

Architectural Drawings, \$56,500

To hire a qualified consultant to develop architectural drawings for the Second National Bank, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and now headquarters for the Islamic Center of Winona.

Winona, Winona County

Polish Cultural Institute

Collections Inventory, Phase 9, \$10,000

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society

Creation of MNopedia Entries, \$3,000

To create four Winona County entries for the MNopedia project for online research.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society

Engaging Winona County Residents in Exhibit Development, \$4,500

To hire a qualified consultant to engage the community in exhibit development for Winona County Historical Society.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society

Microfilming St. Charles Press and Lewiston Journal Newspapers, \$7,375

To microfilm two Winona County newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society

Photographic Print Backlog Project, \$9,943

To provide better organization of one of the museum's photograph collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Winona, Winona County

Winona County Historical Society

Security Camera Upgrade, \$8,000

To hire qualified technicians to install a security system to protect the museum collections.

Winona, Winona County

Senate District 28, House District 28B

Canton Historical Society

Canton Railroad Depot Condition Assessment, \$5,560

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Canton Railroad Depot, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Canton, Fillmore County

Giants of the Earth Heritage Center

Norwegian Ridge Farmer Oral Histories, \$9,774

To document in 15-20 oral history interviews the history of farmers in Norwegian Ridge, Spring Grove.

Spring Grove, Houston County

Houston County Historical Society

A History of Houston County, \$6,796

To hire qualified professionals to research and write a draft manuscript on the history of Houston County.

Caledonia, Houston County

Senate District 29, House District 29B

Wright County Historical Society

Evaluation of Wright County Historical Society's Building Mechanical (HVAC) Systems, \$5,800

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.

Buffalo, Wright County

Senate District 32, House District 32B

City of Taylors Falls

Angel Hill Historic District Residential Design Guidelines Update, \$8,000

To hire a qualified consultant to update historic preservation design guidelines for the Angel Hill Historic District.

Taylors Falls, Chisago County

Senate District 33, House District 33A

City of Orono

Big Island Archaeological Survey, \$9,995

To hire a qualified archaeologist to conduct a survey of Big Island, site of a former amusement park.

Orono, Hennepin County

Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Lake Minnetonka Nautical Archaeology Project, Anomaly Assessment & Sonar, \$9,996

To conduct a marine archaeology investigation of anomalies found in Lake Minnetonka.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

North Hennepin Pioneer Society

Burschville School National Register Nomination, \$6,500

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Burschville School.

Hanover, Hennepin County

Senate District 33, House District 33B

City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach

Minnetonka Beach Water Tower National Register Nomination, \$4,500

To hire a qualified historian to complete the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Minnetonka Beach 1928 water tower.

Village of Minnetonka Beach, Hennepin County

Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,557

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.

Excelsior, Hennepin County

Senate District 34, House District 34A

Hassan Area Historical Society

Collections Rehousing and Organizing, \$7,098

To provide better storage conditions, allowing for greater public access to objects in the collection.

Rogers, Hennepin County

Senate District 34, House District 34B

City of Osseo

Osseo Water Tower Condition Assessment, \$9,500

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Osseo Water Tower, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Osseo, Hennepin County

Senate District 37, House District 37B

Blaine Historical Society

Blaine History Book, \$9,733

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the City of Blaine.

Blaine, Anoka County

Senate District 38, House District 38B

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society

Cass Gilbert - White Bear Town Hall Architect Research, \$3,389

To conduct primary source research to determine whether Cass Gilbert was the White Bear Town Hall architect.

White Bear Lake, Ramsey County

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society
White Bear Lake Armory HVAC Upgrade, \$10,000
To hire a qualified professional to perform an upgrade of White Bear Lake Area Historical Society's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system.
White Bear Lake, Ramsey County

White Bear Lake Area Historical Society
White Bear Town Hall HVAC Evaluation, \$6,940
To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the building environment.
White Bear Lake, Ramsey County

Senate District 39, House District 39B

Minnesota Special Education Leaders Foundation
Write the History of Educating, Not Educating, Minnesota's Children with Disabilities 1960-2018 and Beyond, \$33,320
To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of educating children with disabilities in Minnesota.
Lake Elmo, Anoka County

Senate District 42, House District 42B

Roseville Historical Society
Professional Consultation and Artifact Rehousing, \$9,995
To improve collections care and management through proper storage.
Roseville, Ramsey County

Senate District 44, House District 44A

Minnesota Dragonfly Society
Data Management Planning for Historical Dragonfly Records, \$9,337
To provide better organization and greater public access to historic resources.
Plymouth, Hennepin County

Plymouth Historical Society
Collections Inventory, \$9,961
To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.
Plymouth, Hennepin County

Senate District 46, House District 46A

Beth El Foundation of Minnesota
Beth El Synagogue 1920-Present: Jewish Tradition Enriching Minnesota Life, Phase 3, Interpretive Script Development, \$9,950
To hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit script on the history of Beth El Synagogue and its impact on Minnesota Jewish and cultural life.
St. Louis Park, Hennepin County

Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest
Demographic Study of Jews of St. Paul, \$10,000
To hire a qualified historian to reassess and collect demographic and socioeconomic data on the Jewish population in St. Paul in the 20th century.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 46, House District 46B

St. Louis Park Historical Society
Acquire Primary Sources on Microfilm, Phase 3, \$2,997
To add 37 rolls of microfilmed newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.
St. Louis Park, Hennepin County

Senate District 49, House District 49A

Edina Morningside Community Church
Collections Plan and Archives Survey, \$7,900
To hire professionals to assess and write a collections plan for a historically significant collection, which will allow greater public access to this resource.
Edina, Hennepin County

Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation
Photograph Collection Inventory, \$10,000
To provide better organization of the museum's photography collection, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.
Edina, Hennepin County

Senate District 49, House District 49B

PACER Center
Edit and Publish "History of Parent Involvement in Educating Minnesota's Children with Disabilities," \$9,995
To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of parent involvement in educating Minnesota children with disabilities.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 50, House District 50B

**Sikh Society of Minnesota
Oral History Project, \$7,770**

To document in 12 oral history interviews the history of the Sikh Society of Minnesota.
Bloomington, Hennepin County

Senate District 52, House District 52A

**Dakota County
Mississippi River Trail, Pine Bend Bluffs
Interpretive Node, \$50,000**

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install interpretive signage on the Mississippi River Trail in Dakota County.
Dakota County

**MLK Tennis Buffs
A History of Tennis in St. Paul's Black Community,
\$10,000**

To document through oral history interviews the history and role of tennis in St. Paul's African American community, 1970s to present.
St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 52, House District 52B

**Inver Hills Community College Foundation
Community and Technical Colleges History
Manuscript, \$9,955**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of community and technical colleges in Dakota County.
Inver Grove Heights, Dakota County

Senate District 54, House District 54A

**Dakota County Historical Society
Historic Sites Tour Reviews, \$10,000**

To hire a qualified consultant to conduct an analysis of the interpretation at Dakota County Historical Society's historic sites.
South St. Paul, Dakota County

Senate District 54, House District 54B

**Afton Historical Society and Museum
Replace Smoke and Fire Detection System, \$9,688**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Afton Historical Society's smoke and fire detector system.
Afton, Washington County

**Dakota County Library (Pleasant Hill)
Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner, \$9,879**

To purchase a microfilm reader/printer/scanner to make microfilmed records more accessible to the public.
Hastings, Dakota County

Senate District 55, House District 55A

**City of Shakopee
Stormwater Diversion Project to Protect Historic
Sites along Highway 101, \$336,406**

To hire qualified historians and contractors to update the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Shakopee Historic District and provide stormwater diversion from the historic sites.
Shakopee, Scott County

**Scott County Historical Society
Evaluation of Building Mechanical System (HVAC),
\$8,300**

To hire a qualified and experienced HVAC engineer to evaluate how well the current system controls the museum environment.
Shakopee, Scott County

**Scott County Historical Society
Microfilm Two-Year Backlog of Local Newspapers,
2015-2016, \$7,204**

To microfilm Scott County area newspapers to make primary records more accessible to the public.
Shakopee, Scott County

Senate District 58, House District 58B

**Dakota City Heritage Village
Replacement In Kind of Existing Archive & Artifact
Room HVAC Mechanical System, \$19,800**

To hire qualified technicians to upgrade Dakota City Heritage Village's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system.
Farmington, Dakota County

Senate District 59, House District 59A

**City of Minneapolis (Park and Recreation Board)
Water Works Interpretive & Wayfinding Signage,
\$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce design and construction documents for interpretive and wayfinding signage for Water Works, a Minneapolis park.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 59, House District 59B

Hennepin County Library Newspaper Photograph Collection: Preservation and Access, \$72,000

To hire qualified professionals to assess a large newspaper photograph collection.

Hennepin County

City of Minneapolis (Community Planning & Economic Development)

Minneapolis Modern-Era Context Study, \$49,000

To hire a qualified consultant to write a context study for modern-era structures in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians

Minnesota Modern Masters Oral History Project, Phase 3, \$9,925

To document in eight oral history interviews the history of Minnesota architects who have made significant contributions to the understanding of modernism in Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 60, House District 60A

Children's Dental Services

Children's Dental Services – Providing 100 Years of Dental Care to Vulnerable Minnesotans, \$25,000

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of Children's Dental Services in Minnesota, in preparation for their 100th anniversary.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Ukrainian American Community Center Holodomor Impact on Minnesota's Ukrainian Community: Oral History, \$9,600

To document in 10-12 oral history interviews the history of Ukrainian immigrants to Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 60, House District 60B

First Congregational Church of Minnesota - United Church of Christ

Church Interior Assessment and Design, \$53,200

To hire a qualified architect to develop architectural drawings for the First Congregational Church of Minnesota, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Preserve Historic Dinkytown

Dinkytown Odyssey Oral History, \$9,500

To document in oral history interviews the history of Dinkytown in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Bell Museum of Natural History)

A Book on the History of the Bell Museum, \$84,950

To hire qualified professionals to produce a manuscript on the history of the Bell Museum.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies)

The US-Dakota Conflict in Minnesota's Newspapers, Educator Engagement, \$10,000

To create updated curriculum on the US-Dakota War for use in Minnesota classrooms.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Humphrey School of Public Affairs)

The Smart Politics Minnesota Historical Election Data Archive, \$135,122

To develop an online database to hold the history of general and primary state and federal election results in Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Regents of the University of Minnesota (University of Minnesota Press)

Files Survey, \$10,000

To hire a qualified professional to assess the archival collections held by the University of Minnesota Press.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Southeast Seniors

Neighborhood Memories and Stories Oral History, \$4,050

To document in 18 oral history interviews the history of Marcy Holmes, Prospect Park, and Southeast Como neighborhoods in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Textile Center of Minnesota

25th Anniversary Oral History Project, \$9,950

To document in eight oral history interviews the history of the Textile Center of Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Grants awarded Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2018. Project locations reflect where grant work is being accomplished.

Senate District 61, House District 61A

**Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church
General Conservation Assessment and Long-
Range Preservation Plan, \$4,867**

To hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 61, House District 61B

**Farmer-Labor Education Committee
Farmer Labor Film Production Phase, \$10,000**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a working script on the history of the Farmer Labor movement in Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 62, House District 62A

**American Swedish Institute
Turnblad Mansion Master Plan, Construction
Documents for Restoration and Repair Activities,
\$200,000**

To contract with qualified professionals to prepare construction documents for the preservation of the Turnblad Mansion, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and used as the headquarters for the American Swedish Institute.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Hennepin History Museum
Archival Collection Arrangement and Description,
\$91,171**

To provide better organization of archival materials, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Hennepin History Museum
Cataloging the Inventions & Innovation Collection,
\$9,983**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Caroline Crosby House Condition Assessment,
\$7,950**

To hire a qualified architect to conduct a condition assessment of the Caroline Crosby House, a contributing building in the Washburn-Fair Oaks Mansion Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**VocalEssence
50th Anniversary Digital Conversion, \$9,840**

To digitize a collection of archival audio/video recordings, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 62, House District 62B

**Ethnic Dance Theatre Inc.
Ethnic Dance Theatre Archive Project, \$9,823**

To hire a qualified professional to assess the archival collections held by Ethnic Dance Theatre.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 63, House District 63A

**Hiawatha Academies
(Hiawatha Collegiate High School)
Minnesota History Bookshelf, \$1,923**

To add Minnesota history books to Hiawatha Collegiate High School's holdings to make this information more accessible to the public.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Minnesota Independent Scholars Forum
We Won't Go! (And We Don't Want You To Go,
Either) Oral History, \$9,081**

To document in 10 oral history interviews the history of Vietnam War draft board raiders and draft resisters in Minnesota.

Bloomington, Hennepin County

Senate District 63, House District 63B

**Minnesota Archaeological Society
Minnesota Archaeology and Critical Thinking,
a Documentary, \$68,400**

To hire qualified professionals to produce a documentary on the history of Minnesota's archaeological past.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Richfield Historical Society

Military Veteran Oral History Transcription Project, \$1,278

To hire professionals to transcribe oral history interviews with a military veteran from Richfield, MN.

Richfield, Hennepin County

Citizens for Global Solutions Minnesota

Minnesota United Nations History, \$9,500

To hire a qualified historian to research the history of the United Nations in Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 64, House District 64A

International Institute of Minnesota

100th Anniversary Exhibit (1919-2019), \$9,315

To hire qualified consultants to develop and install an exhibit on the International Institute of Minnesota's 100th anniversary.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

International Institute of Minnesota

Structured Content for MNopedia, \$2,200

To create entries about the International Institute of Minnesota and Festival of Nations for the MNopedia project for online research.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Mitchell Hamline School of Law

Resources Analysis and Thematic Development for a History Center, \$9,920

To hire a qualified consultant to develop a plan for a history center at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Park Baptist, Unity Baptist, & Anointed Faith Missionary Church

Park Baptist Church National Register Evaluation, \$6,401

To hire qualified consultants to evaluate the Park Baptist Church for possible inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

University of St. Thomas

1968 and the War for America's Soul, \$10,000

To record conference session content for a conference on the year 1968, which was held in October 2018 at the University of St. Thomas.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 64, House District 64B

City of St. Paul (Board of Water Commissioners)

Highland Park Tower Repairs, \$250,000

To hire qualified professionals to repair the Highland Park Tower, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Friends of Highland Arts

Minnesota Peace and Justice History Project, Oral History Editing, \$5,000

To produce four demonstration videos of oral history interviews of Compassionate Rebels in Minnesota for review by teacher consultants to determine suitability for classroom use.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Suburban Lakes Nautical Archaeology Project, Targeted Sonar Survey & Anomaly Assessment, \$9,980

To hire qualified archaeologists to conduct a survey of several suburban Twin Cities lakes.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Maritime Heritage Minnesota

Minnesota Historic Fishing Boats Analysis & 3D Scanning, \$9,853

To conduct primary source research on the history of fishing boats in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 65, House District 65A

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

Critical Timeline of Wilder's History, \$10,000

To hire qualified professionals to research the history of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota

Exhibits Curriculum Planning, \$10,000

To create updated curriculum exhibit scripts to fit with Minnesota state standards in the arts and social studies.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 65, House District 65B**Minnesota Museum of American Art
Cataloging Object Metadata into PastPerfect,
\$10,000**

To provide better organization of the museum collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Minnesota Museum of American Art
Rehousing of Museum Collection to Pallet Rack
Shelving, \$9,999**

To improve collections care and management through proper storage.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Minnesota Quilters Inc.
Historical Quilt Documentation Care and
Preservation, \$1,750**

To hire a qualified professional to assess the archival collections held by Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Ramsey County Historical Society
Archival Collections Processing, \$9,981**

To provide better organization of archival collections, allowing for greater public access to the community's historic resources.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Ramsey County Historical Society
Digitization of 8mm and 16mm Films, a VHS Tape,
and Umatic Video Tapes to Digital Files, \$9,902**

To digitize a collection of archival video recordings, allowing for greater public access to these historic resources.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Ramsey County Historical Society
Update Historic Structure Report for Gibbs Farm,
\$16,500**

To hire a qualified consultant to develop an updated historic structure report that will help preserve the Heman Gibbs Farmstead, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Science Museum of Minnesota
Documenting the 1974 Pedersen Site Excavation,
\$175,599**

To provide better organization of archaeological collections, allowing for greater public access to historic resources.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

Senate District 66, House District 66A**Regents of the University of Minnesota
(The Goldstein Museum of Design)
Preserving Design and Retail Innovation: The
Design Guys, Michael Graves, and Target, \$10,000**

To improve collections care and management through proper storage.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Senate District 67, House District 67A**East Side Freedom Library
Publication of Reinventing the People's Library,
\$9,777**

To hire qualified professionals to publish a book on the history of the Arlington Hills Public Library, now home to East Side Freedom Library.

St. Paul, Ramsey County

FY19 REPORT OF STATEWIDE HISTORY PROGRAMS



The ACHF supports several statewide initiatives, including reimagining Historic Fort Snelling programming as MNHS works to revitalize the historic site.

The Minnesota Historical Society has been preserving, sharing, and connecting people with history since 1849. With support from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, the people of Minnesota are investing \$11 million this biennium in history programs that will bring the power of history to Minnesotans of all ages in all corners of the state.

FY18-19 Appropriations Language—Programs: \$4,055,000 the first year and \$6,945,000 the second year are for programs and purposes related to the historical and cultural heritage of the state of Minnesota conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Lower Sioux Archaeology Collections, \$152,525

This project focuses on creating a new digital inventory of archaeological artifacts excavated from Lower Sioux Agency historic site in the 1970s. The current collections records exist almost entirely in paper form. So far, more than 15,000 digital records have been created describing artifacts from the Lower Sioux Agency. Select objects are photographed, and catalog information about them is made available online on the MNHS website.

About 25% of the total collection remains, and the project is expected to be completed by the end of FY19. MNHS staff is also working to provide information about this collection to the Lower Sioux Indian Community, which manages the Lower Sioux Agency historic site.

EXHIBITS

The 1968 Exhibit, \$114,485

The 1968 Exhibit was developed as a national traveling exhibit, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and created in partnership with the Atlanta History Center, the Chicago History Museum, and the Oakland Museum of California. The exhibit first opened at the Minnesota History Center in 2011 and traveled to eight additional venues across the United States. The exhibit returned to the Minnesota History Center in December 2017 for a final 13-month run, closing Jan. 21, 2019, to mark the 50th anniversary of this pivotal year in US history in 2018.

The 1968 Exhibit is organized into 12 sections, corresponding to the months of the year, with each section focusing on a particular theme or event. For example: January is devoted to the Vietnam War, the month of the Tet Offensive; April reflects on Martin Luther King Jr. who was assassinated that month; August explores the violent events around the Democratic National Convention. Two additional "lounges" focus on popular culture and design of 1968.

Exhibits to Go, \$8,017

This funding allows MNHS staff to manage its statewide traveling exhibits program. The exhibits *Coming of Age: The 1968 Generation*, *Electrifying Minnesota*, and *Fur Trade in Minnesota* have each traveled to three venues statewide so far in FY19.

Staff will continue to assess traveling exhibits for needed repairs and continue to schedule them around the state. In early 2019, *Fur Trade in Minnesota* will open at Lake Park Area Historical Society, *Electrifying Minnesota* will open at Goodhue County Historical Society, and *Coming of Age: 1968 Generation* will open at Roseau County Historical Society.

First Avenue: Stories from Minnesota's Mainroom Exhibit, \$873,483

This exhibit exploring the history of this iconic Minnesota music venue will open at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul on May 4, 2019. Since 1970, First Avenue has been at the heart of the Minnesota music scene. The First Avenue exhibit takes you inside the sights, sounds, and stories of this landmark venue that put Minnesota music on the map. Meet the musicians, the staff, and the regulars—and look back at how the scene has evolved over five decades.

Fort Ridgely Exhibits, \$108,138

This funding supports creating new exhibits at Fort Ridgely historic site in Fairfax, a Civil War training location for Minnesota recruits and a fighting site during the US-Dakota War of 1862. The site's current exhibits date back to the 1970s. MNHS exhibit staff will meet with Fort Ridgely staff and community members to develop an exhibit plan by the end of FY19.

Long-Range Exhibits Planning, \$30,026

Staff have embarked on a multiyear planning project to research possible future exhibit initiatives. So far in FY19, staff have established a partnership with the League of Women Voters Minnesota to develop an exhibit on suffrage and voting rights at the Minnesota History Center.

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post Exhibits, \$52,546

This funding supports installing a new exhibit on the history of the jingle dress, set to open in April 2019. In 1918 and 1919, the global influenza pandemic killed millions of people worldwide, including thousands of Native Americans. The tragedy was the inspiration for a revolutionary new tradition of healing that emerged in Ojibwe communities of the United States and Canada: the jingle dress dance.

Through photographs, oral tradition, and a display of jingle dresses from the MNHS collections, visitors will learn about the jingle dress dance and how its origin can be traced to the Mille Lacs Ojibwe. The exhibit commemorates the influenza pandemic and the 100th anniversary of the jingle dress dance. It is being developed in partnership with the University of Minnesota's Department of American Studies and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe community.

Other History Center Exhibits, \$77,000

This funding supports promoting and engaging Minnesotans across the state with additional exhibits at the Minnesota History Center, including *Then Now Wow* and *Our Home: Native Minnesota*, which opens December 2019.

Sites Exhibit Assessments, \$32,086

This project supports assessment of the exhibits at MNHS's 26 historic sites for improvements and updates. Staff have already reviewed exhibits at Split Rock Lighthouse and Forest History Center with plans to assess exhibits at Mill City Museum and Mille Lacs Indian Museum & Trading Post.

Somalis + Minnesota Exhibit, \$94,053

From artists to elected officials to teachers and other professionals, members of the Somali community shape—and are shaped by—the fabric of daily life in Minnesota. This exhibit showcases the history of the first wave of Somali immigrants who arrived in Minnesota in the 1990s and their community today, highlighting their culturally rooted values like hospitality, family bonds, and interdependence.

This exhibit was developed in partnership with the Somali Museum of Minnesota. It opened at the Minnesota History Center on June 23, 2018, and will close June 9, 2019.

In addition to exhibit costs, Legacy funding supported hiring six members of the Somali community to work as interpreters in the exhibit.

There is real power in museum visitors, staff, and volunteers learning about communities directly from members of those communities. Additionally, having interpreters fluent in the spoken Somali language helped the History Center communicate with many Somali guests who speak but do not read Somali.

Somali Exhibit to Go, \$59,582

This project aims to develop a traveling banner exhibit about the Somali community in Minnesota. Thus far, MNHS staff has conducted a statewide survey to assess demand for this traveling exhibit and worked with the Somali Museum of Minnesota to determine what topics the exhibit would cover. Work is underway to produce the final exhibit.

Split Rock Lighthouse Exhibits, \$41,425

This project aims to revitalize the exhibits at Split Rock Lighthouse. Staff recently did a comprehensive assessment of the current exhibit and will begin plans to develop, produce, and install a new exhibit.

Voting Rights Exhibit, \$69,935

The Minnesota History Center has partnered with the League of Women Voters Minnesota to develop an exhibit on voting rights and women's suffrage, in connection with the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. By the end of FY19, staff will complete the preliminary development phase of planning the exhibit. The exhibit is expected to open fall 2020.

EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT

Centralized Interpreter Training, \$176,423

This project involves researching, planning, and piloting a framework for training interpreters across the Minnesota Historical Society's sites and museums. Staff will design a training infrastructure that sets up interpreters for success in delivering interpretive programs and fulfilling the MNHS mission.

In FY18, staff completed an assessment of the current training program, resulting in a training status report. In early FY19, the project steering committee drafted a framework for interpreter training, focused on a common syllabus for new hire training. Toolkits are being drafted for these core training sessions and will be piloted in early 2019.

Community Programs, \$195,167

Community Programs is part of a new work unit at the Minnesota Historical Society that will intentionally build deep, collaborative partnerships with one to two prioritized communities of color. The long-term goal is to increase communities' participation in MNHS programs, sites, and resources, and for MNHS to better share all histories that have shaped Minnesota.

Over an initial two-year period, Community Programs staff will work in, by, and for the local African American community, with secondary audiences as additional opportunities. The goal is to co-create meaningful programs in order to build trust and deepen collaborative community partnerships, so that MNHS can better serve the African American community.

Over the past year, Community Programs staff developed partnerships with both large and small community organizations and met with community thought leaders. MNHS entered into a new partnership with TPT on the Indie Lens Pop-Up Series, which screened films with follow-up discussion around topics, such as historically black colleges, the history of jazz, and Dolores Huerta and the United Farm Workers movement. Staff also partnered with the Film Society of Minneapolis St. Paul and the Capri Theater to show rich films followed by community discussion in the heart of North Minneapolis.

Staff also worked with community organizations to create a two-part series at Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, where elders and young adults shared how their respective generations remain resilient during tough times in history.

In the second half of FY19, staff work will include programming related to issues of incarceration in Minnesota and the United States in conjunction with the *State of Incarceration* exhibit, on display in the Minnesota History Center's Irvine Community Gallery from Nov. 20, 2018-Feb. 24, 2019.

Development of Minnesota Curriculum, \$156,488

These funds are used to develop and create primary source-based curricular resources for teachers and students. In FY18, new resources on using newspapers from the Vietnam era were made available to educators. Staff also researched and developed a packet on data of the Progressive Era, which was made available to teachers in fall 2018.

Currently, staff are partnering with the the MNHS Native American Initiatives team to create a packet related to the upcoming *Our Home: Native Minnesota* exhibit, set to open in December 2019 at the Minnesota History Center.

Historic Fort Snelling Programming, \$192,737

This project funds development, testing, implementation, and evaluation of new programming at Historic Fort Snelling. Multiple staff are working to research historical content and develop and test new programs from many perspectives at the site.

Multiple new programs were tested in summer 2018, including new military demonstrations, guided experiences, and new stations that highlight the stories of the WWII Military Intelligence Service Language School, enslaved people, immigrants, and Zachary Taylor, who served as commandant of the fort in the late 1820s before becoming president in 1849. These programs underwent an extensive evaluation process, which will be used to plan future programming.

In October 2018, the site began piloting a new school tour program format, designed to expand options for schools to fully explore Fort Snelling and learn new stories from multiple eras. This school tour pilot will be evaluated and adapted for further testing starting in spring 2019.

History Center Public Programming, \$55,757

Legacy funds partially support one full-time public program specialist. This position is tasked with developing and executing programming for family audiences and programming related to Minnesota History Center exhibits.

Legacy Field Trip Support Fund, \$105,643

The high cost of transportation prohibits many Minnesota teachers from taking their students on field trips. The Legacy Field Trip Support Fund offsets transportation costs to all MNHS historic sites and museums. Eligible schools (those with 25 percent or more of students enrolled in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program) are reimbursed \$4 per student, allowing more students access to field trips.

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Legacy Field Trip Support Fund helped 21,474 Minnesota students from 258 schools experience field trips at MNHS historic sites and museums statewide. The fund is scheduled to serve a slightly larger number of students in the 2018-2019 school year.

Play the Past: The Field Trip for the 21st-Century Learner, \$28,323

This groundbreaking project creates a new model for school field trips, using mobile and web technologies to capitalize on the natural behaviors and learning styles of today's students. Play the Past demonstrates how museums can use technology to create self-directed, personalized, responsive field trip experiences that deepen students' connection to history while honing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Students receive handheld devices installed with the mobile application that can be used in the *Then Now Wow* and *Minnesota's Greatest Generation* exhibits at the Minnesota History Center. The application enhances students' experiences and promotes interaction with the physical exhibit by encouraging them to answer questions, solve problems, and collect digital artifacts related to the exhibit and MNHS collection items. Students and teachers can access this "digital backpack" of collected artifacts back in the classroom, further expanding on the field trip experience.

Play the Past served 4,600 students in FY18. Legacy funds allow time for MNHS staff to provide tech support for the program and provides funds for external software/game platform hosting and support.

Program Evaluation, \$194,979

The Minnesota Historical Society continues to build a culture of evaluation. An evaluation manager and evaluation associate provide technical assistance and support to staff who evaluate Legacy-funded projects and programs. An institutional Evaluation Action Team, along with consultation from Wilder Research, helps provide strategy and direction for evaluation capacity-building efforts. Four interns and numerous volunteers also support evaluation efforts. Four trainings were held to train 27 volunteers to do visitor intercept data collection methods.

One hundred twenty-nine unique evaluation projects were conducted. Significant evaluation was conducted at Historic Fort Snelling, and general visitor surveys were conducted at 13 MNHS sites.

FY18 highlights include:

- Facilitated 10 Team-based Inquiry (TBI) process with 62 participants, to more systematically engage in data informed decision-making
- Created 15 new logic models with 57 participants
- Designed 105 data collection instruments and reviewed 25 more
- Maintained eight interactive dashboards

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Minnesota History Whatever Conference, \$9,500

Launched in 2017, the Minnesota History Whatever Conference is a statewide gathering of Minnesota's broader history community. It serves academics, public historians, museum professionals, archaeologists, preservationists, and anyone who seeks to use the power of history and its emphasis on critical thinking to make Minnesota a better place. In 2018, 225 people gathered at the American Swedish Institute for the one-day conference.

FINANCE

Administrative Costs, \$474,751

Administrative costs reflect a portion of the “shared services” costs, such as human resources, payroll, financial accounting, reporting and payment processing, and the technology infrastructure and space-related costs for those services. These services are necessary to support the day-to-day operation of the entire organization as well as Legacy-funded programs and partnerships. MNHS works to provide these services at a reasonable cost while adhering to the statutory mandate that costs be “directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation.”

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

We Are Water MN Project, \$20,000

This project features multiple statewide organizations and state agencies working to provide capacity development for organizations to host the traveling exhibit, *We Are Water MN*, which explores the future of water in the state through the lenses of history, science, and the humanities. In 2018-2019, the exhibit will travel to eight host sites around Minnesota from Austin to Crookston.

INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Diversity Outreach, \$28,000

This funding supports the Department of Inclusion and Community Engagement tabling strategy, which provides visibility for MNHS at events related to diverse communities in the Twin Cities. MNHS staff tabled at events such as Selby Avenue Jazz Festival, Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration, and Twin Cities Pride Festival. This funding also supports MNHS’s two-year community engagement initiative focused on creating sustained relationships with the African American community in Minnesota.

Native American Initiatives, \$416,091

The Native American Initiatives team engages with Native communities throughout the state, ensures native voices and concerns are addressed, conducts research on Native-related subjects, and provides input and guidance on historic sites that have cultural ties to Native people.

In FY19, staff have been involved in projects such as the Historic Fort Snelling Revitalization Project, research and Native community engagement around Grand Mound Historic Site near International Falls, and organizing the new exhibit *Our Home: Native Minnesota*, which will explore the state’s Native communities and will open at the Minnesota History Center December 7, 2019.

LIBRARY & COLLECTIONS

Collections Acquisitions, \$150,000

This project reserves Legacy funding to take advantage of extraordinary collecting opportunities to ensure that materials of historical and research value remain in the public domain. This funding has not been used yet in FY19, but staff are looking for collecting opportunities continuously.

Digitization of Historical Collections, \$331,155

This project focuses on increasing the public’s access to the MNHS permanent collections through the MNHS website, published content (blogs, Minnesota History magazine articles, social media), exhibits, and displays that intersect with other institutional initiatives.

In fall 2018, staff finished digitizing MNHS’s collection of 700+ women’s hats, which is now entirely available online. Staff continue to digitize a variety of material, including new artifact acquisitions, Native American material culture, the collection of a Latvian immigrant milliner, and women’s wear created by national and international designers. Research is also underway to identify artifacts in MNHS collections that portray nondominant cultures in a prejudiced way.

Digitization of Minnesota’s Newspapers, \$505,393

MNHS continues to actively preserve and make newspapers published across Minnesota accessible to the public by digitizing hardcopy and microfilm newspapers and putting them online on the MNHS website’s Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub. In FY18 through the first quarter of FY19, 544,558 newspapers pages were digitized, and millions of pages are still left to digitize.

In addition to digitized newspapers being available through the Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub, staff produce microfilm from the digital files to serve as a long-term preservation format. MNHS abides by copyright laws, and digital copies of newspapers currently in copyright are available to researchers only in the Gale Family Library at the Minnesota History Center, unless by special agreement with the publisher.

Oral History Projects, \$189,941

Oral history staff have been working on the Vietnam-Era Oral History Project, which aims to document the experiences of Minnesotans during the Vietnam War era (c. 1960-1975) through 101 oral history interviews. The interviews conducted reflect a diversity of viewpoint, geography, gender, and ethnicity, which has been a focus of the project. Once all interviews are completed, work will focus on transcribing, publishing, and cataloging the interviews. When completed, this oral history project will be available online and in the Gale Family Library.

Research & Content Development, \$127,530

Funding supported creating the new position of director of research and content development in the Preservation and Outreach division of MNHS, providing salary and operating expenses. This role is tasked with developing historically accurate content to serve as the basis for MNHS's various initiatives. This new director is expected to start in January 2019.

Research Fellowships Program, \$25,000

Since 2014, more than 25 Minnesota scholars have been able to delve deeper into our state's history through Legacy Research Fellowships. The fellows use resources from the Gale Family Library to explore a wide range of Minnesota history topics, including:

- resettlement efforts for Japanese Americans after World War II
- the history of the Ah-Gwah-Ching Sanatorium near Walker
- Romansh immigration to Minnesota

In 2019, eight fellows will receive \$3,500 each to pursue their research.

Scan-on-Demand Digitization of Archival Collections, \$62,077

This work establishes a process to digitize archival materials that is responsive to patron demands, with digitized products posted freely online. In spring 2018, a full-time staff person was hired to pilot all archival digitization processes and identify necessary equipment and technology. So far in FY18 and FY19, staff have digitized 49 cubic feet of archival records, including on-request digitization for Wilkinson Township in Cass County. By the end of FY19, staff anticipate piloting a rudimentary patron order process to digitize archival materials through the Gale Family Library. However, further work will be needed to refine and implement a more robust system.

PUBLICATIONS

MNopedia, the Minnesota Encyclopedia, \$216,735

MNopedia is a free, award-winning online encyclopedia of Minnesota, created and managed by the Minnesota Historical Society. New articles are published weekly and are carefully fact-checked for accuracy. This unique resource is written and designed for use by general audiences, as well as teachers and students, and provides easy access to the shared history of all Minnesotans.

In the first quarter of FY19, MNopedia added 35 articles, including 25 articles featuring local and county history from around the state, four articles relating to Minnesota's immigration history, and seven on topics from communities of color. During the first quarter of FY19, MNopedia's unique users were up more than 51%, and page views increased by nearly 45% in comparison with the same time period in FY2018.

MNopedia also has an intern and dedicated team of volunteers working on repurposing the content of MNHS's massive Minnesota Place Names database as its previous technology becomes outdated. Phase 1, comprising more than 6,000 entries for cities, towns, and townships around the state, is about 70% complete.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Multimedia Unit, \$106,471

Legacy funds support 1.5 full-time multimedia positions to produce video, audio, and other multimedia content for education, interpretive, and exhibit programs across MNHS. The content is also used to inform the public about these MNHS programs.

In FY18 and FY19, funding supported media staff time to create content for the US launch of the House of Memories program and contribute to the film *Ohiyesa: The Soul of an Indian*, which was funded by a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage grant.

Public Awareness & Communication, \$423,549

MNHS created communication strategies and promotional materials for Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund history projects, programs, grants, and exhibits using media relations, social media, and various marketing tools. This work is aimed at providing access to history to the state's students, teachers, and the general public.

SUSTAINABILITY AND FACILITIES PROJECTS

Facilities Statewide Network Assessment, \$175,000

The purpose of this project is to conduct a high-level look at all MNHS properties throughout Minnesota with the goal of developing a systemwide strategic plan for long-term operation of these properties. So far in FY19, a request for proposals has been completed to contract professional services to conduct the assessment and complete a written report that identifies statewide opportunities and challenges and makes specific recommendations for the future operations of MNHS properties. This operations plan will be reflective of the MNHS mission, strategic priorities, and resources.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND INTERNS

College Internship Program, \$128,324

This program offers interns the opportunity to work alongside experts in the field and gain professional experience. During three semester cycles each year, college student interns are placed in various departments and sites across MNHS. These placements give MNHS staff new perspectives on our existing programs, provide interns valuable support and work experience, and also help students develop as future leaders.

The internship program places special emphasis on recruiting students from communities of color. Legacy funds provide stipends for students of color to create an even playing field and provide internship opportunities for all students.

All students are rigorously evaluated, and are assigned an internship placement. In addition, they complete a learning plan. They also attend three seminar meetings, exposing them to current public history issues, exploring absent narratives, and learning staff career paths. They complete this process with a final group presentation, sharing what they have learned during their internship.

In FY18, 78 interns, 32% of whom were from communities of color, completed 10,800 work hours. 98% of students rating their internship experience at good to excellent.

REPORT OF HISTORY PARTNERSHIPS



In summer 2018, eight Native American undergraduates participated in the American Indian Museum Fellowship at MNHS.

Funding from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund has resulted in partnerships between the Minnesota Historical Society and more than 20 organizations.

It also supports the Heritage Partnership Program that works to build the capacity of two or more independent organizations to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural resources, by supporting the creation and development of sustainable, history-based partnerships throughout the state.

FY18-19 Appropriations Language—History Partnerships: \$2,000,000 each year is for partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

FY19 Partnerships with the Minnesota Historical Society

EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT

Educational Achievement, \$66,220

Partners: Northland Community Schools, Remer; Washington Technology Magnet School, St. Paul

Improving the educational achievement of Minnesota's students is a strategic priority for MNHS. The Educational Achievement initiative allows MNHS to create partnerships with two school districts—one rural and one urban—and evaluate how a variety of educational programs measurably improve student achievement across multiple grade levels over multiple years. The partnership schools also provide significant matching funding to further enrich educational opportunities for their students.

Partnership schools receive funding to enrich their history instruction for students in grades 6-12. This partnership began six years ago, and MNHS will continue to study the impact of the *Northern Lights* sixth grade social studies textbook, National History Day in Minnesota, and other classroom resources on student learning and engagement. Each school also participates in joint field trips to MNHS sites and museums, including overnight stays. In addition, students participate in internships during the summer.

This partnership gives rural and urban students the chance to expand their knowledge of Minnesota and US history and to engage in applied and place-based learning opportunities. MNHS educators use the partnership schools to test materials and programs that can then be applied to other schools around the state.

In summer 2018, a Northland high school student completed a 100-hour paid internship at the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids, focusing on interpretation of the fire tower at the site. In October 2018, Washington Technology students traveled to northern Minnesota for a two-day trip to University of Minnesota-Duluth and Forest History Center, where they participated in a special experience with Northland students. In spring 2019, students from Remer will travel to the Twin Cities to visit historic sites.

Educational Outreach for National History Day, \$259,523

Partners: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Public Schools, Saint Paul Public Schools, Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities

These funds enable MNHS staff to coordinate the National History Day program in Minnesota, which reaches approximately 25,000 Minnesota students annually. These partnerships specifically emphasize reaching students from diverse backgrounds, and higher education partnerships that help build college readiness skills for middle and high school students and strengthen the mentoring skills of Minnesota college students.

MNHS staff develop curriculum materials, hosts teacher workshops, deliver in-classroom presentations, coordinate a statewide network of mentors, host research open houses, coordinate a progressive contest cycle, and offer summer enrichment programs for middle and high school students. Participating students build academic skills and increase aspirations for higher education.

Partnerships with public and academic libraries support research open houses. Partnerships with school districts bring staff into classrooms. Partnerships with higher education support the mentor program, which brings undergraduate students into participating classrooms to provide one-on-one support for History Day students.

State Fair Programming, \$18,000

Partner: The Minnesota State Fair Foundation

MNHS and the Minnesota State Fair Foundation increased awareness and knowledge of Minnesota history by providing quality programming for visitors to the Great Minnesota Get-Together. The Minnesota State Fair Walking Tour allows visitors to pick up a brochure and explore fair history at 12 stops, including three new stops at the 2018 fair. History-on-a-Schtick—an original, vaudevillian romp through Minnesota's past with sing-alongs, trivia, and prizes—had two performances every day of the fair in the West End Market, reaching more than 4,000 people in 2018.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Legacy Strategic Agenda, \$70,000

Partner: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM)

This statewide project builds on the achievements realized during past years of Legacy funding to guide future work. This project is supported by a partnership between MNHS and MALHM: the Legacy Strategic Agenda Collaborative. Focused on four priority strategies—history education, Legacy grants, unfamiliar stories, and partnerships—several action teams will implement action steps across four phases, including assessment, implementation, evaluation, and packaging/replication. Team activity will culminate in toolkits and other resources for history stakeholders.

So far in FY19, the collaborative has held meetings in Bemidji and Becker, and we continue to be pleased with member engagement and the strong commitment to reciprocal and respectful relationships with diverse communities. A highlight from the first half of FY19 is a summary report and recommendations after holding focus groups with the Hmong and Somali communities. Through this work, the unfamiliar stories action team created a model for communities to follow to collect, preserve, and share their own unique stories. In the near future, the unfamiliar stories and Legacy grants action teams will sponsor a community panel for Somali and Hmong communities to support their efforts to apply for Legacy grants.

FINANCE

Administrative Costs, \$123,596

Administrative costs reflect a portion of the “shared services” costs, such as human resources, payroll, financial accounting, reporting and payment processing, and the technology infrastructure and space-related costs for those services. These services are necessary to support the day-to-day operation of the entire organization as well as Legacy-funded programs and partnerships. MNHS works to provide these services at a reasonable cost while adhering to the statutory mandate that costs be “directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation.”

HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Building Capacity of History Professionals, \$30,000

Partner: Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM)

MALHM and MNHS collaborate to develop the capacity of history professionals across the state to better serve local communities. Through this partnership, MALHM provides best practices training opportunities and resources for local history practitioners.

In FY18, a successful two-day conference was held in Marshall, and attendance at the conference continues to grow. MALHM is also working to develop a business model to offer and host collections management software for its membership.

Historic Preservation Corps, \$450,000

Partner: Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps

This partnership provides training for young adults in historic preservation techniques while addressing the preservation needs of the state’s historic structures and landscapes. Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps and MNHS’s partnership increases the viability of a historic preservation activity by building on a conservation corps model.

During the 2018 field season, Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps completed 17,700 hours working on projects at 26 locations across Minnesota, including the Pioneers & Soldiers Memorial Cemetery in Minneapolis, Halfway Ranger Station in Ely, the Duluth Armory, and the Westbrook Heritage House Museum.

Minnesota Main Street Partnership, \$151,117

Partner: Preservation Alliance of Minnesota

Minnesota Main Street, as a member of the Main Street America network, continues to provide the training information and networking tools needed to boost commercial districts in local Main Street communities. The Main Street Four-Point Approach is a common-sense strategy to downtown revitalization with proven results showing increases in property improvements, new business development, new job creation, and volunteer participation. Using the Main Street methodology, each of these unique historic towns has seen social and economic vitality return to their downtowns while showcasing outstanding historic structures.

This year Northfield and Wabasha joined Faribault, Mankato/North Mankato, New Ulm, Owatonna, Red Wing, Shakopee, Willmar, and Winona as the ninth and 10th designated Minnesota Main Street in the state.

PAM Education, \$110,152

Partner: Preservation Alliance of Minnesota

PAM Education provides adult education opportunities on the topic of preservation. The intended audiences are homeowners, realtors, community members, and professionals in fields that frequently interact with historic preservation issues. There were 30 total classes and events attended by more than 600 people through June 2018. In 2018, PAM Education and MNHS's Local History Services also partnered to hold the Local History Workshop series Building Heroes in three locations across the state.

INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

American Indian Museum Fellowship, \$81,563

Partner: Hamline University

This two-week residential summer fellowship is designed to expose Native American undergraduates to the possible career opportunities and challenges of historical interpretation and cultural preservation within museums. Students have the opportunity to explore various museum organizations and get behind the scenes of tribal museums, sacred sites, and preservation labs. In FY18, eight undergraduate students completed the fellowship.

Diversity Outreach, \$219,780

Partners: Minnesota State Council on Disability, VSA Minnesota

In September 2018, MNHS launched the first US version of the House of Memories program for those living with dementia, which started at National Museums Liverpool. This project includes a free app that features more than 100 interactive pages of MNHS collection items, which can help those living with dementia draw on memories to create personal connections with family, friends, and caregivers. House of Memories also encompasses a new training program that helps professional and family caregivers learn new skills to care for those with dementia.

MNHS has also partnered with groups, including the Minnesota State Council on Disability and VSA Minnesota, to improve access for people with disabilities at MNHS sites, looking at staff training, communication methods, and programming.

In winter 2018, MNHS launched a new Diversity Learning Collaborative, a five week, opt-in course for staff to engage around ideas and issues facing the disability community. MNHS also released its first Foundations in Accessibility toolkit for staff who want to gain a basic understanding of accessibility in their own time. By the end of FY19, two new staff toolkits will be published on increasing tour accessibility and understanding autism.

In FY18 and FY19, MNHS created new accessibility webpages for all 26 historic sites. In addition, MNHS created two new social stories for families with autism visiting Mill City Museum and the Minnesota State Capitol, improved sensory signage at the Minnesota History Center, and created a new map with more pertinent accessibility information for the Minnesota State Capitol.

History Museum Fellows Programs, \$169,545

Partner: University of Minnesota

The History Museum Fellows Program is designed to engage students in studying the challenges related to the underrepresentation of communities of color and Native American nations in historical organizations and public history graduate programs. Communities need to "see themselves" in cultural organizations' missions in order to identify with their missions. The demographic shifts in the United States require leaders of historical organizations and museums to diversify the perspective of their organizations in order to truly fulfill their missions.

In spring 2018, 10 students participated in the fellows course at the University of Minnesota. The course was followed by paid summer internships and a trip to visit institutions and meet museums professionals in Washington, DC.

Neighborhood Leadership Program, \$85,285

Partner: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

MNHS and the Wilder Foundation work together to provide greater access and awareness of MNHS resources to St. Paul neighborhoods through the Wilder Foundation's Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP). NLP is a six-month training program that has been supported by the Wilder Foundation for the past 20 years with nearly 800 program alumni.

The purpose of NLP is to help existing and emerging leaders take action to improve their community. Participants are matched with a community coach, who is an experienced neighborhood leader, and serves as a learning partner, sounding board, and connector for the NLP participant and their community work.

In FY18, 23 participants graduated the program at a ceremony held at the James J. Hill House. In FY19 so far, NLP has held two sessions at the Minnesota History Center, one where participants integrated a historical lesson plan with the History Center's exhibits and another focused on learning about St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood with MNHS staff. The current NLP cohort will complete the program in March 2019.

Heritage Studies and Public History Graduate Program, \$152,934

Partner: University of Minnesota

Launched in fall 2017, the Heritage Studies and Public History graduate program is made possible by a new partnership between the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Historical Society. It provides heritage and public history professionals with a broad disciplinary perspective, increasing their resource base and network of expertise. Students take advantage of the deep scholarly expertise in these fields at the University of Minnesota, as well as the Minnesota Historical Society's extensive resources and expertise, to offer unparalleled training in the theory and methods of heritage and public history studies at the graduate level.

Minnesota Historical Society staff and leadership contribute to the program by teaching courses, mentoring students, and sharing knowledge about professional practice. The program combines rigorous scholarly training with hands-on professional development, preparing graduates for positions in major public history and heritage institutions.

In 2018, two graduate students created an exhibit called *Owning Up* about the history of racial housing segregation in Minneapolis at the Hennepin History Museum. In spring 2019, the program's first cohort of students will graduate with master's degrees in heritage studies and public history from the University of Minnesota.

Youth Partnerships, \$78,596

Partners: Minneapolis Community & Technical College, Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Central Library, Centro Tyrone Guzman, Two Rivers Gallery

MNHS partners with diverse organizations to create in-depth, meaningful learning experiences for high school students that help to foster a sense of belonging, explore career opportunities, network with professionals, and tackle issues within the community.

In FY18-19, the Mazinaakizige: American Indian Teen Photography Project welcomed six Native American high school students who investigated historic and contemporary images of Native people, learned digital photography, and created a gallery show of their work. Their photography was displayed at Two Rivers Gallery in Minneapolis, Minneapolis Central Library, the Minnesota History Center, and Mille Lacs Indian Museum & Trading Post.

MNHS's Teen Action Group (TAG) is a school-year-long program that helps introduce high school students to museums, what they do, and how communities are represented. Together students research underrepresented histories, organize events, and present their findings in new ways. This program uses historical knowledge and resources to learn about current events and issues affecting Minnesota's diverse communities.

In FY18, TAG served 10 students, who created public programming for Two Rivers Gallery, an exhibit at MNHS's Gale Family Library, and a performance at the Minnesota History Center. In FY19 so far, eight students have facilitated intergenerational dialogue for a public program with Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and a performance about AFRO 50 with the University of Minnesota.

In 2018, MNHS also launched the new teen program, CRECER (Cultivating Revolutionary Education through Cultura y Empoderamiento de Jovenes), which served seven students from the Twin Cities metro through July 2018. Students engaged in culturally-specific learning and research, focused on Chicanx/Latinx history, which culminated in individual research projects and pop-up books.

CY18 Heritage Partnership Program

100th Anniversary of Prohibition, \$69,000

Partners: Granite Falls Historical Society and City of Granite Falls

The City of Granite Falls and Granite Falls Historical Society will partner to prepare exhibits and events to mark the centennial of the 1919 National Prohibition Act—sometimes known as the Volstead Act—and the 1922 Capper-Volstead Act. Granite Falls is home to the Andrew J. Volstead House Museum, managed by the Granite Falls Historical Society and owned by the city.

Volstead was often seen as the public face of Prohibition as he sponsored and championed the issue in the US House of Representatives. The partners plan to use new research to present a more accurate story of Volstead and restore the lost stories of Nellie and Laura Volstead, his wife and daughter.

Collaboration on Permanent Mitchell Hamline History Center, \$60,000

Partners: Mitchell Hamline School of Law and Hamline University

The recent combination of William Mitchell College of Law with Hamline University School of Law was a historic event for St. Paul and Minnesota, bringing together two of Minnesota's four institutions of legal education into the new Mitchell Hamline School of Law. The combination agreement provided for the development of a history center to preserve the rich legacy of each law schools, and the impact of faculty, staff, and over 19,000 alumni on Minnesota legal history. A new history center will help constituents, neighbors, and the wider Minnesota community understand Mitchell Hamline's colorful origins, community impact, and contributions to the ever-evolving world of legal education.

Mitchell Hamline will take on the responsibility of lead partner; initial steps in the institutions' plan are:

- The Hamline University president will invite faculty, staff, and alumni to join a history center committee and help shape the center's development, including thematic development, acquisitions, display, and preservation of materials.

- Archivists at both institutions will develop a working relationship to handle artifacts and materials in compliance with collections management policy and procedures in order to enrich exhibits and programming.

The grant will also operationalize content information collected in previous research efforts by developing an approved conceptual plan and making recommendations for interpretive programs. This will be followed by planning a narrative for a preliminary exhibit and creation of fundraising documents, including schematic drawings for the space.

During this process, the History Center Committee will plan ongoing historical programming with possible topics, like the impact of faculty scholarship on Minnesota law; the law schools' renowned work in health law, dispute resolution, children and the law, and Indian law; the relationship of communities of color to the law schools; histories of unsung heroes; traditions and student life over the decades; and the law schools as parts of their own neighborhoods.

Digitization and Preservation of the Cal Fremling Archive, \$10,156

Partners: Winona County Historical Society and Winona State University

The Winona County Historical Society (WCHS) and Winona State University have formed a partnership to digitize and preserve the Cal Fremling Archive, a collection of personal papers, field notes, and images created during the working life of this renowned biologist and Winona State University professor for 32 years. Expanding access to this archive will create educational and research opportunities, as well as increase awareness of Dr. Fremling's scientific contributions to the study of freshwater biology, specifically on the Upper Mississippi River.

The Cal Fremling Archive is owned by WCHS, and the collection was donated by Dr. Fremling's wife, Arlayne Fremling in 2011. The current collection consists of 18 field notes comprising nearly 2,000 pages, 1,500 slides, 650 photographs and negatives, and 3,000 pages of additional research and work documents related to Fremling's service in the Winona community. WCHS will grant Winona State permission to digitize the collection in full and make it publicly accessible through its digital repository. In addition to the digitization and the accompanying metadata creation, WCHS will work to preserve the physical collection according to professional standards for future generations.

WCHS and Winona State will also plan a series of lectures to honor the research and teaching of Dr. Fremling. This lecture series will include speakers who researched and taught with Dr. Fremling, freshwater scientists who can discuss an important aspect of freshwater research, and artists who use freshwater ecosystems and the Mississippi River as a medium for their work.

Hennepin County History Tours, \$15,975

Partners: Minnesota Transportation Museum and Hennepin History Museum

The Minnesota Transportation Museum (MTM) and the Hennepin History Museum will partner on a program of mobile museum history tours in Hennepin County. Staff will research, plan, write scripts, and market a series of 12 bus tours exploring Hennepin County history, which will run over one year. One goal is to create an effective model for a formal partnership between MTM, with its tour bus capacity, and a community organization with access to audience and research resources.

Looking through the Past: Capturing McLeod County, \$14,802

Partners: McLeod County Historic Partnership, McLeod County Historical Society, Hutchinson Center for the Arts

A photographer will travel to the nine towns within McLeod County to reimagine 18 early street scene photographs. It's been, at minimum, five decades since photographs were taken to record the appearance of these small communities. In many cases, photographs of these communities date back to before roads were paved. Having a permanent record of what these towns looked like during the late 2010s will be an instrumental research tool for future residents who'd like to know more about the history of their community.

This project will not only permanently capture changes that have occurred over time, it will also include a comprehensive history documenting the major events that occurred in these communities. Little has been recorded on events that have affected to these towns. By having a researcher and photographer work together on this project, this partnership will create updated information on specific towns' history and photographic documentation that researchers at the McLeod County Historical Society will be able to reference for decades to come. By the project's end, there will 18

"then and now" photographs to show the evolution of all nine communities and a comprehensive research report to accompany them.

Multisite Historic Interpretation: History of Childhood, \$63,303

Partners: Steele County Historical Society, Minnesota State School Orphanage Museum, Owatonna High School Museum, Owatonna Community Education

This project aims to further the partnership between members of the Steele County History Keepers, a group formed through a 2015 cooperative project. The partners will form a taskforce to research and write an exhibit script focused on growing up in Steele County and how childhood has changed over time.

This project will create a multisite exhibit and programming examining this topic. The exhibit will be designed with a central primary exhibit at Steele County Historical Society and satellite exhibits at partner and strategic sites. Each location will advertise the other sites to create cross-visitation.

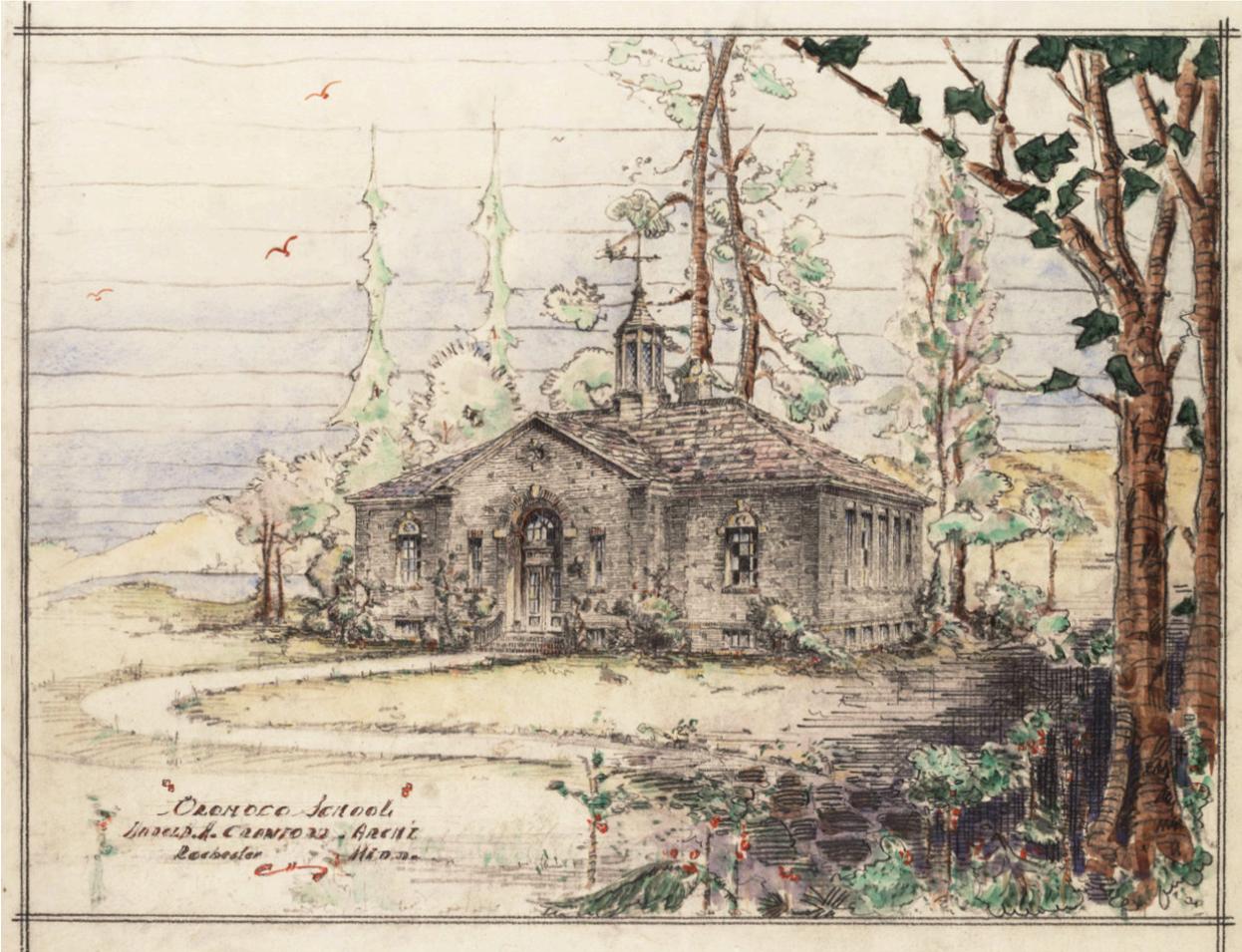
Wasioja Historic District Interpretive Plan, \$24,500

Partners: Dodge County Historical Society and Dodge County

The Wasioja Historic District in Dodge County consists of five Civil War-era buildings: the Wasioja Baptist Church, Wasioja School, Civil War Recruiting Station, the Andrew Doig House, and the Seminary Ruins. The goal of this partnership is to create a cohesive interpretive message and plan to create a tourism draw around the historic district.

The partnership will hire an experienced interpretive planning firm to consult on this project and guide the partners to a completed report. The interpretive plan will thoughtfully review the assets, audience, and opportunities of the historic district, guide the development of a central interpretive message, and recommend effective strategies for promoting that message through signage, exhibits, and programming to create a destination for tourists from around the region. The partnership will also use public engagement and market analysis to explore potential audiences and competitors in the region.

REPORT OF OTHER STATEWIDE INITIATIVES



A 1926 architectural rendering created by Harold H. Crawford for the Oronoco School in Oronoco, contributed to the Minnesota Digital Library by Olmsted County Historical Society.

In addition to grants, programs, and partnerships, the Minnesota Legislature has directed funding from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund to support initiatives for history, including the Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites, Minnesota Digital Library, and Additional Projects. These initiatives support statewide efforts to preserve and share history for future generations. Each initiative is called out with its own appropriations language.

FY19 Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites



A field crew member works on an archaeological survey of a site in Dakota County.

The Legislature created the Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites to provide opportunities to expand our understanding of these sites statewide.

Projects are defined by an oversight board and are conducted through competitive-bid contracts. So far three major topics have been addressed by the survey: identification and protection of sensitive historic and archaeological resources; geographic surveys of poorly known areas of Minnesota; and thematic studies of poorly understood historic contexts.

To date, 32 projects have been conducted, which have expanded the number of documented historic and archaeological sites in Minnesota, increased our understanding of where such sites are likely to be located, and illuminated cultural traditions, lifeways, and technologies dating to the earliest human occupations of the state.

FY18-19 Appropriations Language: \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year are for a contract or contracts to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys must be published in a searchable form and available to the public free of cost. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist, and the Indian Affairs Council must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys. The oversight board must consult with the Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Archaeological Potential in the Fort Snelling Vicinity

This archaeological survey identified structure remnants and artifacts in several locations, including Camp Coldwater, Cantonment New Hope (the 1819 temporary post constructed before Fort Snelling was built), and a trading post on Pike Island, which was occupied by Jean-Baptiste Faribault when explorer Zebulon Pike arrived in the area in 1805.

Archaeological Survey of Dakota County

This survey identified numerous locations at which precontact artifacts were found. Most were located in more rural parts of the county along the Vermillion River and the Cannon River. Recovered artifacts reflect human occupation in Dakota County dating back as far as 8,000 years.

Archaeological Survey of Pope County

This survey identified over 35 previously undocumented archaeological sites, including several groups of burial mounds. It also identified mid-19th century homesteads that appear to be related to the migration of settlers-colonialists, including Métis people, from Lord Selkirk's colony in Manitoba southward into Minnesota.

Archaeological Survey of Wadena County

This survey substantially increased the number of identified archaeological sites in the county. Several sites have potential to provide detailed information about the age of certain cultural traditions.

Archaeological Survey of Watonwan County

This survey has identified a number of previously unknown precontact archaeological sites in the county, but has also confirmed that the density of precontact occupation in this part of Minnesota was never high.

Reports for completed projects are posted on the Office of the State Archaeologist's website at mn.gov/admin/archaeologist/

FY19 Minnesota Digital Library



Minneapolis business trade cards ca. 1880-1910, contributed to the Minnesota Digital Library by the Hennepin County Library's James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library.

The Minnesota Digital Library (MDL) is a statewide, multi-institutional collaboration that supports discovery, education, and personal enrichment through digitization of and access to the rich historical resources of the state's public and academic libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies while also preserving these resources for future generations.

MDL partnered with:

- 187 organizations through Minnesota Reflections, a premier searchable, online collection of primary source materials of more than 52,000 photos, maps, journals, letters, works of art, and more
- In FY19, MDL will continue to digitize and make accessible material from across the state both on its own website, as well as through the website of the Digital Public Library of America

FY18-19 Appropriations Language: \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society must cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and must jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

Additional Projects



Andrew Peterson emigrated from Sweden in 1850 and his historic Waconia farmstead is now managed by Carver County Historical Society.

In 2017, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated ACHF funds for these additional projects in the FY2018-2019 biennium. The appropriation language reads:

\$80,000 each year is for a grant to the board of directors of the Carver County Historical Society to restore the historic **Andrew Peterson farm** in Waconia.

\$80,000 each year is for a grant to the city of Woodbury to work in collaboration with the Woodbury Barn Heritage Commission to restore the **Miller Barn** and historical programming at the Miller Barn in Woodbury.

\$100,000 the first year is to restore the stained glass in the historic **Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel** in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources. The historical society may work in collaboration with the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

\$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the Fairmont Opera House to restore and renovate the historic **Fairmont Opera House**.

\$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the Litchfield Opera House to restore and renovate the historic **Litchfield Opera House**.



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