

MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE PROGRAMS

The Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) administers several programs created by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) and funded annually by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). These programs have wide-spread impact around the Big Sky state, adding value and benefit to many communities and counties in Montana.



The Doncaster Round Barn near Twin Bridges was listed in the NRHP in 2015.

The National Register of Historic Places: The National Register program recognizes and celebrates properties important to our heritage and worthy of preservation. Neither Federal nor Montana State law imposes any new restrictions on actions taken by the property owner with respect to the property. NRHP-listing does help protect properties from potentially harmful federal actions. ***Montana has approximately 1,150 NRHP listings which are comprised of over 18,500 contributing resources throughout the state.***

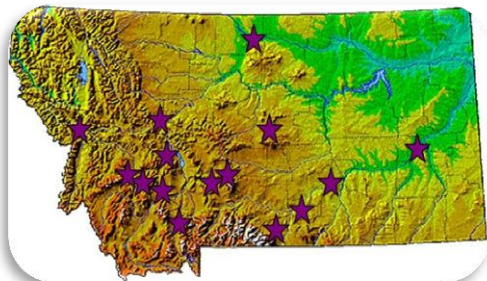
Federal Project Review: Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, federal agencies are required to consider the impact of their undertakings (including funding, licenses and permits) on significant historic, archaeological, and traditional cultural properties, *in consultation with SHPO*. With the goal of avoiding or minimizing adverse effects to the state's heritage properties, this process gives a local voice to the federal planning and decision-making process. ***Montana SHPO reviewed and commented on over 1,450 state and federal projects in FY2016.***

Federal Reinvestment Tax Incentive Program: The Montana SHPO administers the historic rehabilitation tax credit program at the state level, the nation's largest federal incentive promoting rural and urban revitalization through private investment in the reuse of historic buildings. This program allows the owner of a certified commercial historic structure to receive 20% of the amount spent on qualified rehabilitation costs as a direct, federal income-tax credit. ***Over \$70 million of private construction investment has been generated through the historic rehabilitation tax credit program since 1990.***

State Historic and Archaeological Sites Records Management: Montana SHPO is the state repository and clearinghouse for documentation on all recorded historic and archaeological sites in Montana, as well as reports of studies to identify, evaluate, and treat these properties. The current Montana State Antiquities Database contains records on approximately 55,800 sites and 34,950 reports. Montana SHPO is currently upgrading its Database into a new platform and entering these data into a Geographic Information System (GIS). The records provide information to researchers, agencies, and consultants for preservation planning, local planning efforts, academic research, compliance with state and federal regulations, and the evaluation of properties for the National Register. ***Montana SHPO added 1,099 newly recorded site records to its inventory in FY2016.***



Owners of the Babcock Theatre in Billings received \$480,854 in federal tax credits for their \$2.4 million investment in the rehabilitation of this landmark building.



The Certified Local Government Program: The National Park Service's sponsored certified Local Government (CLG) program directs SHPO to pass-through a minimum of 10% of its federal funding (Historic Preservation Fund) to local governments participating in this voluntary partnership in preservation. Each year the Montana SHPO provides matching grants to certified communities (cities and counties) in Montana, totaling between \$75,000 to \$115,000 (10-15%). ***Montana has 16 CLGs, including 7 cities, 2 counties, and 7 city-county combinations.***