



PRESERVE
MONTANA

Annual Report

2025

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About Us

Since 1987, Preserve Montana has served as the statewide nonprofit preservation organization for Big Sky Country. We provide individuals and communities with the leadership and knowledge to preserve our past for the future. Preserve Montana protects Montana's heritage today, for tomorrow.



We make a difference across Montana in four program areas:
Advocacy, Outreach & Education, Documentation, and Restoration & Training.

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Our Mission

Preserve Montana protects the historic places, traditional landscapes and cultural heritage in Montana.



Places



Landscapes



Heritage

Our Vision

Inspire a shared appreciation and active stewardship of Montana's place-based heritage as an essential part of daily life, economic vitality and our collective future.



A Year of Visioning

In 2025, Preserve Montana staff and the board of directors set out to build and adopt a three-year strategic plan that will guide us through our 40th anniversary in 2027 and into 2028.

Affectionately called the Preserve Montana Roadmap, this forward-thinking plan builds our capacity, programs and presence to continue making a difference as the statewide nonprofit preservation organization serving Big Sky Country.

With the roadmap comes a new organizational vision: Inspire a shared appreciation and active stewardship of Montana's place-based heritage as an

essential part of daily life and economic vitality — and central to our collective future.

Thank you to everyone who contributed thoughts and recommendations to the plan that will build upon Preserve Montana's rich legacy and enable us to make bigger and more relevant differences in Montana's communities.

Together, we preserve Montana.

Preserve Montana staff and Trades Corps hosting a window restoration demonstration at the Red Ants Pants Festival in White Sulphur Springs.



Our Team

Preserve Montana is led by a small but mighty staff of four passionate and talented preservationists and an eleven-member board of directors.



Jenny Buddenborg
Executive Director



Beth McLaughlin
Office Coordinator



Emory Padgett
Restoration &
Research
Specialist



Eli Smith
Restoration Director

Board of Directors

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Helena

Preserve Montana staff and board of directors gather for a quarterly board meeting at the Stone House in Helena's Reeder's Alley.



A Year in Review

In 2025, Preserve Montana kept our shared heritage working across the state. We welcomed our second Trades Corps cohort and trained dozens of preservation trades students, growing the pipeline of skilled craftspeople for Montana's historic buildings. Our Hidden Helena tour drew more explorers than ever. We completed Phase I fundraising for the Baxendale Schoolhouse rehabilitation and developed preservation plans for four rural historic schoolhouses. Our restoration crew brought several historic properties back to life, while our advocacy team pushed for sound preservation policy at the Montana Legislature's biennial session. And that's just the highlights.

4

historic schools
assessed

48



preservation trades
students trained

7

historic properties
rehabilitated

275



ticketed guests at the Explore
Montana: Hidden Helena tour

129

wood columns installed to
stabilize historic properties

71

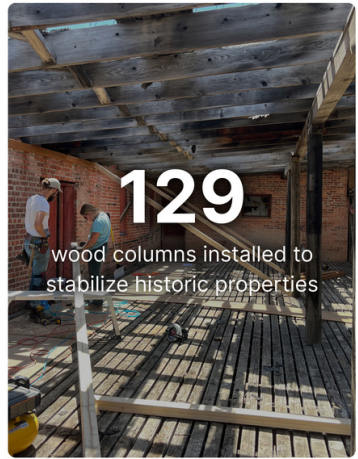


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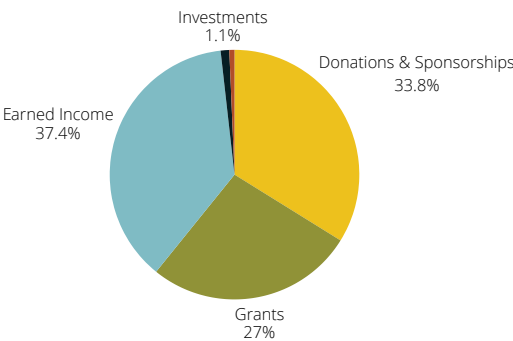
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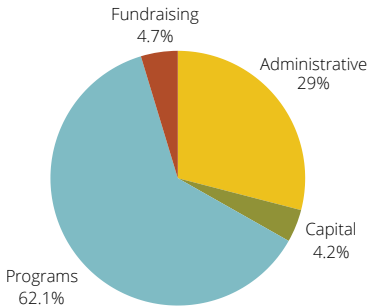
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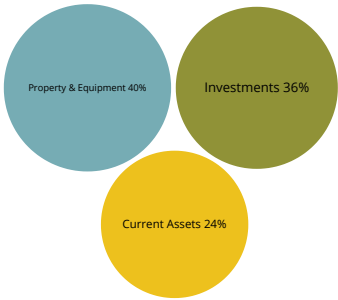
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Revenue = \$473,600



Expenses = \$465,359



Total Assets = \$304,316

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