

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Construction Request

Colorado Historical Society (History Colorado)
Regional Museum Preservation Projects

PROGRAM PLAN STATUS

2002-180

Approved Program Plan

No

Date Approved:

PRIORITY NUMBERS

Prioritized By

Priority

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Not Prioritized

Recommended for funding from cash sources.

PRIOR APPROPRIATIONS AND REQUEST INFORMATION

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
CF	\$16,553,802	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$17,253,802
FF	\$1,145,878	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,145,878
Total	\$17,699,680	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,399,680

ITEMIZED COST INFORMATION

<u>Cost Item</u>	<u>Prior Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$1,518,144	\$190,800	\$0	\$0	\$1,708,944
Construction	\$9,963,818	\$509,200	\$0	\$0	\$10,473,018
Equipment	\$5,391,101	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,391,101
Miscellaneous	\$155,144	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$155,144
Contingency	\$671,473	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$671,473
Total	\$17,699,680	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,399,680

PROJECT STATUS

This is an ongoing request. Cash funds spending authority has been granted on behalf of the project each year for the last 23 years except for FY 2022-23. In FY 2022-23, State Historical Fund cash funds were entirely devoted to Georgetown Loop Railroad improvements.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION / SCOPE OF WORK

History Colorado is requesting cash funds spending authority to address a number of historical preservation projects at regional museums. History Colorado says that it has statutory responsibility to reconstruct, restore, repair, install, and furnish state monuments to the extent funds are available. For FY 2024-25, funds will be used for the following:

- boardwalk restoration at the Healy House and Dexter Cabin in Leadville (\$55,000);
- pergola restoration at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose (\$85,000);
- window security at Fort Garland Museum in the San Luis Valley (\$45,000);
- landscape maintenance projects at the Trinidad History Museum, including irrigation, site drainage, and ADA accessibility work (\$50,000);
- window restoration at the Center for Colorado Women's History in Denver (\$50,000); and
- infrastructure improvements and rolling stock repairs at the Georgetown Loop Railroad (\$350,000).

Cost assumption. The cost assumption is based on History Colorado staff estimates, bids from local contractors, and previous maintenance project costs. Inflation is accounted for at a rate of 6.0 percent. The project is not required to meet the Art in Public Places or High Performance Certification Program requirements.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The projects funded in FY 2024-25 address various issues, including ADA compliance, tripping hazards, building security, and deteriorated infrastructure. History Colorado says it is responsible for the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of over 50 contemporary and historic buildings. The department says failure to fund the projects will begin a cycle of deferred maintenance, reducing structural integrity and public accessibility, and increasing repair costs in the long term. Further, revenue opportunities could be impacted by failure to fund the projects, which could in turn impact local communities, tourism initiatives, and economies statewide.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

All historic properties held by History Colorado are state monuments, as set forth in the State Monuments Act. This year's request impacts the following properties:

- Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center was established in 1858 to protect settlers in the San Luis Valley, and contains both adobe and traditional buildings. The fort hosts guided tours and educational and community programs.
- Healy House and Dexter Cabin consists of a restored 1878 Greek revival house featuring Victorian furnishings collected by Leadville pioneers, along with an historic adjacent cabin.
- The Ute Indian Museum in Montrose presents the history of the Ute tribe.
- The Center for Colorado Women's History in Denver located in the historic Byers-Evans House focuses on scholarship, research, lectures, tours, and exhibits that expand the understanding of the collective memory of the history of women in Colorado.
- The Trinidad History Museum includes the Bloom Mansion, the Baca House, the Santa Fe Trail Museum, the Burglow Building, and a workshop.
- The Georgetown Loop Railroad recreates a stretch of railroad completed in 1884, and offers both train excursions and mine tours.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

	Start Date	Completion Date
Design	July 2024	August 2025
Construction	August 2025	March 2027

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SOURCE OF CASH FUNDS

The source of cash funds is revenue from the State Historical Fund (\$600,000 CF), which accrues revenue from limited stakes gaming, and from revenue, gifts, grants, and donations generated at the museums and historical sites (\$100,000 CF). These funds are administered pursuant to Section 44-30-1201, C.R.S.

OPERATING BUDGET

The department does not anticipate any operating impact from this request.

STAFF QUESTIONS AND ISSUES

None.