

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Jamie Grabinski, Procurement Coordinator
Aaron Funk, Controller
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SUBJECT: Ratify Grant Application to Montana State Department of Commerce
Historic Preservation Program for Story Mansion

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify Grant Application to Montana State Department of Commerce
Historic Preservation Program for Story Mansion

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: Through the Montana Department of Commerce, the Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program (MHPG) is a state-funded program created in 2019 as a result of Senate Bill 338. The MHPG program is designed to support public or private entities with the preservation of historic sites, historical societies, or history museums through grant funding. This application to the MHPG program is to support the next restoration phase of the Story Mansion. The Story Mansion restoration meets all three qualifications as an eligible project: -as a structure or site that contributes to a historic district; -a structure or site listed on a national, state or local historic registry; and, -a structure that is more than 50 years old and has documented significance to the history of a Montana community or region. In this grant application, we requested the maximum amount of \$350,000 and proposed matching it with \$350,000. The Montana Department of Commerce provides advisory recommendations of the applications received to the legislature. During the legislative session, it will review Commerce's advisory recommendations and consider each application. The Legislature will choose, approve, and award all projects.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Total expenditures are expected to be \$700,000. Grant funding requested is

\$350,000 with \$350,000 as match funding. Expenditures are included in the recommended Capital Improvement Program in the Story Mansion Special Revenue Fund.

Attachments:

[City of Bozeman Appendix B MHPG Application and Statutory Review Criteria_Final.pdf](#)

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