MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The total appropriation authority for the agency is shown in the pie chart below. HB 2 and HB 13 provide 75.1% of the total authority for this agency. All types of appropriation authority for this agency are described below, including total budget and the percent expended by source of authority.

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**Budget Amendments**

The Montana Historical Society (MHS) has budget amendment authority totaling $1.3 million through November 30, 2021. The majority of this authority, $1.2 million, is from federal funds. Significant budget amendments that increase federal authority include:

- A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities of approximately $350,000 for upgrades to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in order to improve the overall efficiency for preserving collections in the current MHS and to offset the cost of the HVAC system for the Heritage Center project. This grant is 0.0% expended through November 30, 2021. COVID-19 and construction have caused the timeline for this grant to extend and the MHS will be requesting an extension.

- A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities of approximately $289,000 for the digitization of Montana newspapers. This is the fifth round of funding for the National Digital Newspaper Program. This grant is 0.0% expended through November 30, 2021; however, the most recent grant period ends August 31, 2023.
• A grant from the National Park Service Historic Revitalization Program of approximately $240,000. Expenditures total $48,500 through November 30, 2021. This grant provides funds to the grantee to complete conservation work on brick-and-mortar projects. There have been construction delays related to COVID-19. This grant period ends September 2022 but there may be an opportunity to extend this grant period, if needed.

In addition to the budget amendment authority for federal funds, state statute allows the Montana Historical Society to amend in enterprise fund authority due to enterprise revenue resulting from sales to the public (17-7-402, MCA). Budget amendment authority for enterprise funds totals $90,500 through November 30, 2021 and includes:

• An increase in authority of $70,500 and 1.25 FTE in FY 2022 to support the recording of cultural resource sites and survey information into the geo-database format
• An increase in authority of $20,000 and 0.25 FTE in FY 2022 to allow the Montana Historical Society to digitize, develop metadata, and host their data on Montana newspapers

Statutory Appropriations

The Montana Historical Society has several state special revenue funds that are statutorily appropriated, which include:

• Montana Historical Society membership fund
• Original Governor’s mansion account
• Sites and signs account
• Lewis and Clark license plates account

Statutory appropriations total approximately $617,000 and were 29.5% expended through November 30, 2021. The slightly lower percentage expended was primarily due to lower expenditures in the sites and signs account. The MHS believes expenditures from this account have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the change in ownership at the sign manufacturing company.

Other Bills

HB 9 includes a $30,000 appropriation for the Montana Historical Society for the care and conservation of the capitol complex artwork. This appropriation is 0.0% expended through November 30, 2021, but it can be used throughout the 2023 biennium.
HB 2 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

The following chart shows the HB 2 budget as passed by the legislature, including the pay plan, and the HB 2 modified budget through November 30, 2021. Net modifications to the budget include operating plan changes from one expenditure account to another, program transfers, reorganizations, and agency transfers of authority. The positive modifications and negative modifications are shown by program, expenditure account, and fund type.

The Montana Historical Society had a few HB 2 budget modifications through November 30, 2021. Significant modifications include:

- A transfer of general fund of $60,000 to the Administration Program and $18,000 to the Research Center from the Museum Program
- A transfer of general fund, state special revenue, and proprietary fund authority totaling approximately $10,000 from operating expenses to debt service in order to correctly account for copier leases
HB 2 Appropriation Authority

The following chart shows the appropriated budget for the agency compared to expenditures through November 30, 2021.

The Montana Historical Society expended 39.5% of its HB 2 modified budget through November 30, 2021. Overall, this is slightly higher than the 5-year Olympic average of 31.6% (the Olympic average is the average of the percent expended for the most recently completed seven years with the exclusion of the highest and lowest numbers during this time period).
Personal Services

Personal services appropriations for the Montana Historical Society total $3.6 million and were 37.8% expended through November 30, 2021. The MHS has 54.38 HB 2 FTE and approximately 95.0% of these positions are filled. The following chart shows the filled and vacant FTE within the agency as of November 1, 2021.