



Fiscal Year 2025 Project Summary

District 1

Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene - \$567.85

Outdoor Mounted Plaque for Historic Tours

The Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene purchased a 12x12 single-mount cast bronze plaque and 6-foot pole. We worked with Awards Etc. in CDA to eliminate shipping cost. The font is ADA compliant with raised copy and a dark recessed background for the visually impaired. The plaque recognizes the Historic Hamilton House and the Historic Garden District. The Hamilton House is part of the Historik app walking tour, and the plaque enhances the experience for those on a historic walking tour.

District 2



Nez Perce County Historical Society - \$1,500 North Central Idaho Speakers Bureau

The Nez Perce County Historical Society funded 13 diverse lectures that educated 49 adults and 279 children in their area over the last four months. Notable topics included the expeditions of Lewis and Clark, the significance of gold discovery, the origins of Idaho, and the rich history of our town, Lewiston, alongside valuable insights into the Nez Perce Tribe, their legends, and beliefs. One speaker generously volunteered her time, dedicating one session specifically for children and another for the elderly and those in need.

District 3

Adams County Historical Society - \$1,700

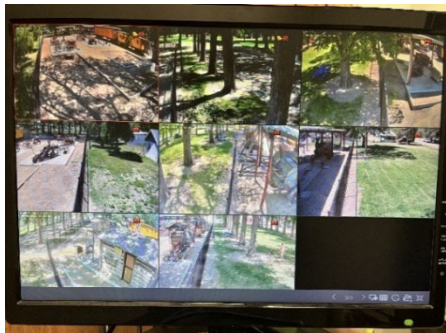
Replacement Exhibit Panels

The Adams County Historical Society replaced two secondhand exhibit panels given to ACHS by ISHS about two decades ago after the panels had spent their useful life with ISHS. The panels' first public exhibit was in the depot's Freight Room Auditorium on May 15, 2025, by an art teacher at Meadows Valley Schools to showcase students' art and music projects.



City of Caldwell - \$2,500

Van Slyke Museum Security System Project



The City of Caldwell acquired and installed security cameras around the perimeter of the Van Slyke Outdoor Museum. This project has already proven effective as a deterrent to vandalism; since the installation, there have been no further incidents. With the new cameras, the city can monitor both the museum and the nearby playground, which falls within the cameras' view. This initiative has enhanced security around the museum, ensuring that the artifacts remain accessible to everyone and allowing school-aged children and adults to learn about Caldwell's rich agricultural heritage.



Warhawk Air Museum - \$2,792

9/11/2001 Exhibit

The Warhawk Air Museum purchased three 60-inch screens, labor to mount the screens, research, content generation, additional signage, timelines, and imagery. They are scheduled for project completion and a ribbon cutting ceremony for the exhibit at the museum on September 12, 2025.



District 4

Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology - \$2,500

Idaho Indigenous Geology Cast in Stone



The Idaho Museum of Mining & Geology purchased a glass display case and base to exhibit Native American artifacts of Eagle Rock, a sacred site to the Shoshone-Bannock and Paiute Tribes. In this display, the stories and stone artifacts from Eagle Rock and the valley were added to and reconfigured to give proper respect to indigenous peoples. The case has ample room for artifacts and provides the Museum with more opportunities to better tell the stories of indigenous peoples at Eagle Rock.

District 5

Cassia County Historical Society - \$1,235.95

Interactive Touchscreen Display

Cassia County Historical Society purchased a TV and a minicomputer, providing easy access to newly digitized images and historical information. An interactive app enables visitors to paint and draw over these photos, creating a fun and immersive way to engage with Cassia County's history. This project also allowed them to digitize a significant portion of our records and photos, improving public access while preserving fragile materials.

Gooding County Historical Society - \$469.12

Archival Materials for Museum, a Continuation of 2023-24 CEG Project

Gooding County Historical Society assisted their museum assisted their museum in continuing its efforts to improve the collections management system with the purchase of archival and storage supplies to properly preserve artifacts and documents. Though the public really doesn't see "behind the scenes" when a wedding dress is wrapped in archival tissue, or maps are placed in folders, their collections are much safer and will be available for a longer period of time for those seeking to research.





Hagerman Valley Historical Society - \$2,200

THEY LIVED HERE: Expanding the Hagerman Museum Fossil Exhibit

Hagerman Valley Historical Society used the funding for exhibit and display items, signage, printing, and mileage for their study tour. *They Lived Here* elevates the Hagerman Museum's paleo history exhibit and educational value to a new level. This project also positions HVHS for future exhibit enrichment and collaborations. They worked with a paleontologist for science review; and prepared a reference binder, Docent Fast Facts; and historical context with a Timeline - while adopting ADA visual accessibility guidance for museum signage and labels.



Above: Examples of the educational signage that will accompany exhibit material. Below left: Species fact sheet with skull and label. Below right: Megalonyx Giant Sloth distribution map created from scientific reports provided by Dr. McDonald.



Above: Examples of exhibit specimens. Below and left: natural history educational materials.



District 7

Island Park Historical Society - \$2,500

Technology Equipment for Business Operations, Meetings, and Presentations

Island Park Historical Society purchased technological equipment needed to support regular organization business operations, video conferencing of board and member meetings, presentations by guest speakers, and digital preservation of historical documents, records, and photos. All the equipment will help support their stated mission.

Lemhi County Historical Society - \$1,506

Lemhi County History Curriculum Development

Designed to enhance students' recognition of history's relevance in our everyday lives, LCHS developed a curriculum that brought students into our history center to conduct original research, created the opportunity to work with artifacts, and ended with a community tour and presentation. Over 150 community members attended the all-day event on October 26, 2024, and the historical society is already reworking plans for a more forensic approach this coming fall. Denise Braswell, SHS English teacher, described the new curriculum as "Generational Storytelling: Voices Through Time," which invited students to explore the local history. They researched, wrote, collaborated, and ultimately presented the life stories of individuals buried in the Salmon Cemetery. Through this experience, they practiced essential skills in research, writing, and public speaking, while gaining a deeper appreciation for the lives that helped shape our small mountain community.



Statewide

Sister Alfreda Elsensohn Award - \$5,000 (ISHS portion)

\$10,000 total with \$5,000 from Idaho Humanities Council

Hagerman Valley Historical Society proposed a two-part project titled "Outreach 2025." They will update and improve their digital and print communications to promote museum visitation and enhance visitor experience; and develop a summer series of heritage and family events featuring guest educators demonstrating heritage arts/skills/items, and/or special activities.

For the communications component they will work with our website developer/host for a desperately needed update to design and functionality; and a graphics artist to create a new museum logo and brochure. We will research and begin replacing exhibit and artifact labels and narratives over time with thoughtful stylistic and typographic choices for fonts, size, spacing, color and other elements as recommended by ADA for visually accessible museums.

The Heritage Summer Series includes hiring a part-time Heritage Program Manager for recruitment and management of guest educators to demonstrate heritage art or skill or collection at the museum. For example, spinning wool, shoeing a horse, or an antique tractor show. They will provide a travel stipend for the heritage educator, and will incur promotional expenses. This series will strengthen relationships and collaborations within the community and historical partners and be scheduled on the museum's monthly Family Day. They will select a Heritage Program Manager within a few weeks of receiving approval of this plan of work and launch the program summer of 2025.

