



# MONTANA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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DATE: December 17, 2009 \*\*(Updated April 21)\*\*  
TO: Leanne Kurtz, ELG Members  
FROM: Cathy Duncan, LRP Analyst, LFD  
RE: Historic Preservation & Long-Range Building Program

### LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM

#### Quick Facts

- o The Long-Range Building Program (LRBP) is administered by the Department of Administration.
- o The division head of the LRBP is Tom O'Connell, phone (406) 444-3105.
- o The program was started in 1963 to provide funding for construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance of state-owned buildings and grounds.
- o The program is established in Title 17, Chapter 7, part 2, MCA, and was developed to present a single, comprehensive, and prioritized plan for allocating state resources for the purpose of capital construction and repair of state-owned facilities.
- o Projects in the LRBP are funded with LRBP funds, state special revenues, federal special revenues, proprietary funds, and when authorized, bond proceeds.
- o The program revenue includes distributions of the cigarette (2.6% of total tax) and coal severance (12% of total tax) taxes. Additional income is received from Architecture and Engineering (A&E) supervisory fees and the short-term interest earned on the monies in the fund.
- o In the current biennium, funds from the above listed sources amount to an estimated \$19 million.
- o In the past three biennia, the fund has also received transfers of "surplus" general fund with the intent of reducing the state's backlog in building deferred maintenance.
- o Revenues in the 2013 biennium are expected to be less than the \$19 million estimated for the 2011 biennium.
- o Total appropriations and authority (authority is provided to projects where legislative approval is required by 18-2-102, MCA but appropriations would either be duplicative or unneeded, examples include projects for the university system which will be funded with

donations and current unrestricted fund and projects in general services division where appropriations are made through the rate process) for the 2009 biennium were \$208.8 million.

- o The LRBP has provided funds for several historic preservation projects in recent biennia.
  - o 2009 Biennium: HB 4 (2007 May Special Session)
    - o Preservation and Improvements, Virginia & Nevada Cities - \$2,000,000 (LRBP Fund)
    - o FWP Parks Program - \$7,750,000 (LRBP, state special, and federal special funds)
      - o Federal special revenues were used for preservation work at Bannack State Park
      - o The \$7.75 million from the LRBP that the parks division of FWP received in the 2007 session were directed to the fishing access site program, the trails program and the state parks programs in the division. Of the money that went to state parks, a significant portion was used for activities other than heritage preservation.
  - o 2011 Biennium: HB 5
    - o Historic Preservation and Supporting Improvements - \$750,000 (LRBP Fund)
      - o Preservation activities at Virginia and Nevada Cities and Readers Alley, Helena
    - o Other historic preservation work includes upgrades and maintenance at historic properties within the university system

## **Summary**

The LRBP has provided funding for historic preservation projects, but only those projects that are on state owned properties. The LRBP itself has limited and generally declining funding sources. Current program funds fall short of the recommended level of annual major maintenance of the agency occupied space.