



Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Pat Sullivan  
Office of Financial Management  
P.O. Box 43113  
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: 2025-2027 Biennium DAHP Capital Budget

Dear Pat Sullivan:

On behalf of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, I am respectfully submitting our proposed 2025-2027 Biennium Capital Budget.

We are recommending continuation of the existing DAHP grant programs through the four decision packages listed below:

1. Heritage Barn grant program.
2. Historic County Courthouse grant program.
3. Historic Cemetery grants.
4. Historic Theatre grants.

All four requests are continuations of on-going successful programs that assist local businesses and employ local labor across our state. We are also requesting full reappropriation of the 21-23 grant programs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns at 360-480-6922 or at [Allyson.brooks@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:Allyson.brooks@dahp.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Allyson Brooks Ph.D.  
Director, State Historic Preservation Officer



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Ten Year Capital Plan SubProject by Project Class**

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**Project Class: Grant**

Agency Priority	Project/SubProject by Account-EA Type	Estimated Total	Prior Expenditures	Current Expenditures	Reapprop 2025-27	New Approp 2025-27	Estimated 2027-29	Estimated 2029-31	Estimated 2031-33	Estimated 2033-35
0	<b>40000005 2021-23 Heritage Barn Grants</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	1,001,000	496,000	105,000	400,000					
0	<b>40000006 2021-23 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Program</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	1,862,000	360,000		1,502,000					
0	<b>40000007 2021-23 Historic Cemetery Grant Program</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	300,000	205,000	28,000	67,000					
0	<b>40000012 2021-23 Historic Theater Capital Grant Program</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	300,000	141,000	97,000	62,000					
0	<b>40000015 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State									
0	<b>40000016 2023-25 Historic Cemetery Grant Program</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	515,000		17,000	498,000					
0	<b>40000017 2023-25 Historic Theater Capital Grant Program</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	515,000		12,000	503,000					
0	<b>40000018 2023-25 Heritage Barn Grant Program</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	5,000,000		46,000	954,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	
1	<b>40000038 2025-27 Heritage Barn Grants</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	1,000,000				1,000,000				
2	<b>40000040 2025-27 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program</b>									
0	<b>40000041 Pend Oreille County Courthouse</b>									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	125,000				125,000				

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2	40000040 2025-27 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program									
0	40000042 Chelan County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	312,000				312,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000043 Grays Harbor County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	467,000				467,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000044 Wahkiakum County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	365,000				365,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000045 Lewis County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	150,000				150,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000046 Spokane County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	500,000				500,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000047 Douglas County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	610,000				610,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000048 San Juan County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	1,500,000				1,500,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000049 Okanogan County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	800,000				800,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000050 Klickitat County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	618,000				618,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000051 Walla Walla County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	1,996,000				1,996,000				
	Constr-State									

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2	40000040 2025-27 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program									
0	40000052 Snohomish County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	1,540,000				1,540,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000053 Franklin County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	29,000				29,000				
	Constr-State									
0	40000054 Clark County Courthouse									
	057-1 State Bldg	1,500,000				1,500,000				
	Constr-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>10,512,000</b>				<b>10,512,000</b>				
3	40000037 2025-27 Historic Cemetery Capital Grant Program									
	057-1 State Bldg	515,000				515,000				
	Constr-State									
4	40000039 2025-27 Historic Theater Capital Grant Program									
	057-1 State Bldg	515,000				515,000				
	Constr-State									
<b>Total: Grant</b>		<b>22,035,000</b>	<b>1,202,000</b>	<b>305,000</b>	<b>3,986,000</b>	<b>13,542,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	

**Total Account Summary**

Account-Expenditure Authority Type	Estimated Total	Prior Expenditures	Current Expenditures	Reapprop 2025-27	New Approp 2025-27	Estimated 2027-29	Estimated 2029-31	Estimated 2031-33	Estimated 2033-35
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	22,035,000	1,202,000	305,000	3,986,000	13,542,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	



## Ten Year Capital Plan SubProject by Project Class

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<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Entered As</u>	<u>Interpreted As</u>
Biennium	2025-27	2025-27
Functional Area	*	All Functional Areas
Agency	355	355
Version	CR-A	CR-A
Project Classification	*	All Project Classifications
Include Enacted	No	No
Sort Order	Project Class	Project Class
For Word or Excel	N	N
User Group	Agency Budget	Agency Budget
User Id	*	All User Ids

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**Capital Project Request**

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Report Number: CBS002

Date Run: 9/10/2024 10:53AM

Project Number: 40000005  
 Project Title: 2021-23 Heritage Barn Grants  
 Project Class: Grant

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022  
 Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**  
 Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**  
 Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**  
 City: Statewide County: Statewide Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**  
 Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Barn Owners  
 RCW that establishes grant: 27.34  
**Application process used**  
 Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**  
 Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	1,001,000	496,000	105,000	400,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,001,000</b>	<b>496,000</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact



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Project Number: 40000006

Project Title: 2021-23 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Program

Project Class: Grant

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	1,862,000	360,000		1,502,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,862,000</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,502,000</b>	<b>0</b>
			<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>			
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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Project Number: 40000012

Project Title: 2021-23 Historic Theater Capital Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Theater owners

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	300,000	141,000	97,000	62,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>141,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact



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Project Number: 40000016

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic Cemetery Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Private Historic Cemeteries

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	515,000		17,000	498,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>515,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>498,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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Project Number: 40000015

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Historic County Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<b>2027-29</b>	<b>2029-31</b>	<b>2031-33</b>	<b>2033-35</b>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**SubProjects**

SubProject Number: 40000019

SubProject Title: Stevens County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant



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Project Number: 40000015

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

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SubProject Number: 40000019

SubProject Title: Stevens County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Colville

County: Stevens

Legislative District: 007

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 40000020

SubProject Title: Yakima County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Yakima

County: Yakima

Legislative District: 015

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Project Number: 40000015

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

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**Project Type**

SubProject Number: 40000020

SubProject Title: Yakima County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouse

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 40000021

SubProject Title: Klickitat County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Goldendale

County: Klickitat

Legislative District: 014

**Project Type**

Grants

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Project Number: 40000015

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

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SubProject Number: 40000021

SubProject Title: Klickitat County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 40000022

SubProject Title: Lewis County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Chehalis

County: Lewis

Legislative District: 020

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouse

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

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Project Number: 40000015

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

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SubProject Number: 40000022

SubProject Title: Lewis County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 40000023

SubProject Title: Okanogan County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Okanogan

County: Okanogan

Legislative District: 007

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouse

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 92000012

SubProject Title: Douglas County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

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Project Number: 40000015

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

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SubProject Number: 92000012

SubProject Title: Douglas County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: East Wenatchee

County: Douglas

Legislative District: 007

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouse

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 92000013

SubProject Title: Grant County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Ephrata

County: Grant

Legislative District: 013

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Project Number: 40000015

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

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**Project Type**

SubProject Number: 92000013

SubProject Title: Grant County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouse

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 92000014

SubProject Title: Grays Harbor County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Montesano

County: Grays Harbor

Legislative District: 024

**Project Type**

Grants

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Project Number: 40000015

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

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SubProject Number: 92000014

SubProject Title: Grays Harbor County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 40000036

SubProject Title: Future Estimates

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouse

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from previous biennium.

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**Project Number:** 40000015

**Project Title:** 2023-25 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

**Project Class:** Grant

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**SubProjects**

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**SubProject Number:** 40000036

**SubProject Title:** Future Estimates

**SubProject Class:** Grant

**No Operating Impact**

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Project Number: 40000017

Project Title: 2023-25 Historic Theater Capital Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Project Description**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Theater Owners

RCW that establishes grant: None

**Application process used**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Growth Management impacts**

Continuation of grants from the previous biennium.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	515,000		12,000	503,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>515,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>503,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2026  
**Agency Priority:** 1

### Project Summary

As Senator Jim Honeyford once stated, “you can’t farm without a barn.” The existing Historic Barn Preservation Program is requesting \$1,000,000 for the 2025-27 biennium, a re appropriation of \$938,851 from the 2023-25 biennium, and a re-appropriation of \$399,787 from the 2021-23 biennium to continue the heritage barn grant program. Nearly 900 barns are listed on the agency's Heritage Barn Register. The program was established in the 2007-09 biennium. Since that time, the program has received 618 applications requesting nearly \$16 million in grant funds – an average of nearly \$1.75 million in requested funds per biennium, demonstrating the continued need that exists in rural areas. Increases in labor and material costs witnessed during the pandemic continue to be a barrier for barn preservation, as inflation has remained higher than average. Combined with a general shortage of qualified contractors, these factors have exacerbated the already challenging task of preserving historic barns. The program is recognized nationally as a historic preservation grant opportunity that is solely focused on our agricultural heritage with priority given to working farms. Due to its unique purpose, the heritage barn program received an Honor award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2012. In the 2023-25 biennium, the agency requested \$1,000,000 for the program and the legislature allocated \$1,000,000.

### Project Description

The heritage barn grant program is designed to help preserve Washington's agricultural heritage and landscape and our working farms/ranches. Priority for grant funding is always given to working farms, with a focus on the repair of roofs and foundations.

The grants require a one-to-one match between state and local funds resulting in each grant award leveraging additional private investment. Funding the program at \$1,000,000 for the biennium will generate an equal amount in additional historic barn rehabilitation, through both local cash match and donated labor and services. It also facilitates purchases at local hardware and supply stores throughout the state. It is notable that while the program requires only a one-to-one match, actual match provided by grantees exceeds the minimum by a factor of nearly 33%. As such, the program is leveraging additional investment in the state's agricultural heritage beyond that which is required.

Combined, this investment will assist local farmers in rural areas maintaining their agricultural livelihood, promote agri-tourism, and encourage farm-to-table trades while preserving our rural landscapes. Local agricultural producers continue to face challenges with higher than average inflation, worker shortages, and other factors impacting revenue. When this occurs, important capital work on barns is often delayed. The heritage barn grant program supports local farmers in preserving an important asset for production and for the heritage of their region. Based on information from past funding rounds, the program will create/support approximately 150 local jobs in the following fields: timber framing; general and finish carpentry; roofing; window rehabilitation/fabrication & installation; general contracting; painting; heavy machinery operation; structural lifting (barn-jacking for foundation work) and others.

Presently, there are 875 barns listed on the Washington Heritage Barn Register. The agency continues to receive additional nominations from barn owners, with 10 added in 2023 and 24 in 2024 to date. Prior to the establishment of the Heritage Barn Register, the agency did not have a comprehensive inventory of our state's agricultural history. Information included in nominations barn owners submit has continued to inform the agency's understanding of this important resource type, filling knowledge gaps about barns and methods of construction, while adding significantly to our image archive.

In 2007 the legislature allocated \$500,000 to create the grant program. The legislature approved an additional \$300,000 for 2009-11, \$200,000 in the 2011-13 biennium, \$500,000 in the 2013-15 biennium, \$450,000 in 15-17, \$515,000 in both 17-19 and 19-21, and \$1,000,000 in both the 21-23 and 23-25 biennium.

Provide answers to the following questions, which will inform decision makers about the proposed project.

1. Identify the problem or opportunity addressed. Why is the request a priority? This narrative should identify unserved/underserved people or communities, operating budget savings, public safety improvements or other backup necessary to understand the need for the request. For preservation projects, it is helpful to include information about the current condition of the facility or system.

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## Description

The principal problem being addressed is the physical needs of heritage barns and farmers in Washington State. As outlined in the Heritage Barns: Statewide Survey and Physical Needs Assessment, Washington's heritage barns face a variety of challenges, each of which increases the collective threat to their preservation and continued use. The high cost of barn maintenance leads to disinvestment, which exacerbates the issue of deferred maintenance. This leaves barns susceptible to weather damage, especially in regions that experience high winds and heavy snow and rain. Barns often remain an important element of agricultural production, playing a role in processing and storage of ag-related products, equipment, and livestock. Deterioration can lead to disuse, impacting revenue. Diminished revenues make it even more challenging for farmers to address deferred maintenance and capital needs on historic barns. The Heritage Barn survey, completed in 2008, identified as much as \$34 million in need for barn rehabilitation throughout the state. Given the inflationary period we have witnessed post-Covid, this number has sharply increased. Costs for both materials and labor continue to be high. Given the often-niche skill set required to appropriately treat historic, handmade wood barns, finding contractors with the needed experience is also increasingly challenging.

When faced with significant maintenance and capital costs, barn owners are often forced to demolish their barns, delay implementing needed repairs (thus increasing capital costs in the future), or opt instead for cheaper alternatives. This grant program incentivizes rehabilitation of heritage barns, meeting several of the agency's activity and statewide preservation goals. The need for a preservation grants fund that targets historic barns drove the creation and continued funding of this program. Since the program's establishment, approximately \$4,500,000 invested by the state in grant funds have been utilized on 176 projects in 37 counties statewide, resulting in nearly \$9.9 million in direct historic barn capital investment. To date, the program is estimated to generate just under \$700,000 in sales tax revenue.

Continued funding of this grant program would assist the agricultural community, boost local economies, ensure the survival of working farms and heritage barns, increase the number of historic barn rehabilitation projects in the state, foster tourism in rural counties, and increase the heritage resource inventory of the state.

2. What will the request produce or construct (i.e., predesign or design of a building, construction of additional space, etc.)? When will the project start and be completed? Identify whether the project can be phased, and if so, which phase is included in the request. Please provide detailed cost backup.

The request will result in direct support for rehabilitation of historic barns in the form of matching grants. Grant funds are used to address critical areas of barn repair, including essential projects such as roof replacement, foundation repair, structural stabilization, and exterior rehabilitation. At the same time, these projects retain character-defining features significant to historic barns. Because of the relatively small scale of barn rehabilitation projects, phasing projects over multiple biennia is neither time efficient nor cost effective. Often, however, grant awards to barn projects reflect only a portion of the total funds requested. In instances where partial grants are awarded, funds are allocated to support the most critical needs of the barn – repairs that allow the barn to remain in use/be put into more active use. Less critical project work elements then become the sole responsibility of the barn owner and can be made over time as personal budgets and schedules allow. If funds for the program are allocated for the 2025-27 biennium, the call for grant applications would be issued in summer of 2025. Barn owners indicating an ability to complete projects by June 30, 2027 would receive priority for funding.

3. How would the request address the problem or opportunity identified in question 1? What would be the result of not acting? For the 2023-25, biennium the program received 51 applications requesting over \$2 million in funds. With \$1,000,000 in funds available to distribute as grants the agency was able to award 23 grants in the current biennium, representing an applicant success rate of just under 50% (although not all requests were fully funded). Over the life of the program, the agency has received 618 applications. Of these, a total of 176 have been awarded funds – a success rate just over 28%. The increased appropriation for both the 21-23 and 23-25 biennium enabled the agency to fund a larger percentage of requests received, but the program has remained highly competitive since being established, which speaks to the overall need of historic barns across the state as well as the desire of barn owners to actively engage in the preservation of the state's rural, agricultural heritage.

Barns that do receive funding contribute significantly to the local economy. Grants awarded in the 23-25 biennium are anticipated to generate an additional \$180,000 above what is required in cash and donated services identified as committed

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match by barn owners. Moreover, the last four biennia have witnessed an increase in the average funding request on a per project basis, with 21-23 and 23-25 being the highest at approximately \$40,000 in requested grant funds per applicant. As such, the trend has witnessed barn owners asking for larger grants: a result of more comprehensive rehabilitation projects coupled with inflation and increased construction costs (in response to this, the agency increased to maximum grant award to \$75,000 in 23-25). [CM1] Continued funding will help accommodate larger projects and subsequently contribute to the local economy. Through the grant program, just under \$2,000,000 in overall work to historic barns is expected to be implemented with funding from the 2023-25 biennium. A similar amount of overall work is being implemented to barns funded in the 2021-23 biennium. In both funding cycles, barn owners implemented projects essential for long-term barn preservation. The funding will be used to continue to award matching grants to qualifying historic barn repair and restoration projects throughout the state. DAHP's administration of the program gives funding priority to barns that remain in active agricultural use.

Research demonstrates that historic rehabilitation projects have a greater impact on the local economy compared to new construction. Rehabilitation work prioritizes repair over replacement. Repair work is more labor-intensive and less materials-intensive, resulting in a greater portion of overall expenditures going to contractors and craftspeople. As those working on barns are generally local, the wages from labor tend to remain in the local economy, thereby increasing the impact of the project. For project materials that do need to be purchased, those materials tend to be purchased from local suppliers, again working to keep project funds circulating in the local economy.

Major improvements to the State's agricultural heritage resources would be made through continued funding. Continued funding would also renew Washington's commitment to historic preservation, tourism, agricultural heritage and the farming economy. A direct result of the grant program has been an increase in agriculture-related tourism programming at the local level. County-wide barn tours and barn quilt programs have been developed by local historical societies that in turn draw artists and photographers and directly support the State Scenic Byways and Main Street program. Several barns have been sensitively adapted for public use, such as events and educational programming. In addition, several publications have been created highlighting regional barns and rural landscapes. Such publications further highlight statewide agricultural heritage, increasing tourist visitation. Most recently, a local barn owner produced (at their own expense) a film about the importance of Washington's historic barns and the agency's work to support rehabilitation. The barn grant program has even inspired a salvage ethic for those barns unable to be saved – rather than demolish barns sending construction debris to the landfill, a number of barn owners have worked to deconstruct their barns, allowing salvageable material to be used by other Heritage Barn owners engaged in rehabilitation work.

Barns that do not receive funding face further disinvestment and increased deferred maintenance. When unchecked, barns continue to deteriorate, making future repairs more costly and therefore less likely. When undertaken, barn rehabilitation projects do benefit the local economy. If the program were discontinued, the state would lose an increased number of historic barns and rural areas in need of local economic boosts would miss out.

4. What alternatives were explored? Why was the recommended alternative chosen? Be prepared to provide detailed cost backup. If this project has an associated predesign, please summarize the alternatives the predesign considered.

No alternatives were explored. If the program is not funded, this would end the statewide program to protect and preserve heritage barns. There would be no job creation, no local benefit, and no local or state tax revenue generated. Barns would continue to suffer from benign neglect creating greater need for funding requirements in the future.

5. Which clientele would be impacted by the budget request? Where and how many units would be added, people or communities served, etc.

The agricultural community in rural areas, including all economically distressed counties in the state. The Heritage Barn grant program has been supported by the Washington Farm Bureau, the Washington State Grange, the Washington State Cattlemen's Association, the Dairy Farmers of Washington, the Office of Farmland Preservation, and countless local historical organizations whose missions include interpretation and education on the state's agricultural history (the Dayton Historical Depot Museum currently has an exhibit on the barns of Columbia County, several of which have received grant funding).[CM2]

6. Does this project or program leverage non-state funding? If yes, how much by source? If the other funding source requires

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cost share, also include the minimum state (or other) share of project cost allowable and the supporting citation or documentation.

The grants require a non-state match of 50% of the total project cost. Match can be direct or indirect. Over the history of the program, the level of non-state match provided by the grantee has often exceeded the required amount.

7. Describe how this project supports the agency's strategic master plan or would improve agency performance. Reference feasibility studies, master plans, space programming and other analyses as appropriate.

The preservation and rehabilitation of historic places is fundamental to DAHP's mission. As such, administration of the Heritage Barn grant program is an ongoing element of DAHP's annual work plan as well as the State Historic Preservation Plan (PLAN). For the 2021-26 planning timeframe, this program is captured in Goal 1 B. Seek opportunities to promote the connection between historic preservation, economic recovery, climate change, and sustainability/environmental initiatives. Also, Goal 4 A. III states: Work to implement new or enhance existing financial incentive programs to support the rehabilitation of privately owned historic buildings.

8. Does this decision package include funding for any Information Technology related costs including hardware, software (to include cloud-based services), contracts or staff? If the answer is yes, you will be prompted to attach a complete IT addendum. (See Chapter 10 of the operating budget instructions for additional requirements.)

No, this request does not include funding for IT related costs.

9. If the project is linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda, describe the impacts on the Action Agenda, including expenditure and FTE detail. See Chapter 14 (Puget Sound Recovery and Governor's Salmon Strategy) in the 2025-27 Operating Budget Instructions.

This project is not linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

10. How does this project contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions limits established in RCW 70A.45.050, clean buildings performance standards in RCW 19.27A.210, or other statewide goals to reduce carbon pollution and/or improve energy efficiency? Please elaborate. For buildings subject to the clean buildings performance standards, describe your compliance pathway for the building, and include information about energy audits, metering, and energy benchmarking. The greenest building is one that is already built. This program uses existing resources and preserves them for current and future use by promoting re-use, repairing rather than replacing building components, and making energy efficient upgrades to reduce carbon emissions. The reuse of existing buildings is inherently sustainable and aligns perfectly with the state's carbon reduction targets. Reusing existing buildings takes advantage of existing infrastructure, and the minimal use of new materials reduces emissions associated with the extraction, manufacturing and transporting of materials. Furthermore, re-using existing buildings reduces or eliminates demolition debris from landfills.

Historic barns are overwhelmingly constructed from wood, most of which was sourced from old growth stands of timber. When barns are demolished and sent to the landfill, it is tantamount to discarding old growth forests. Rehabilitation works to retain as much original material as possible, and by extension the embodied energy contained within the historic barn. The agency was also one of the first organizations to join the internationally recognized Climate Heritage Network, which focuses on assisting **communities in tackling climate change and achieving the ambitions of the Paris Agreement by promoting a culture of reuse to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to conserve embodied energy.**

**11. How is your proposal impacting equity in the state? Which communities are impacted by this proposal? Include both demographic and geographic communities. How are disparities in communities impacted?**

**Of the nearly 36,000 farms in Washington State, 67% are farms consisting of less than 50 acres of land, while 89% sell less than \$250,000 annually (per this Washington State Department of Agriculture [infographic](#)). By definition, these are small farms. The Heritage Barn grant program prioritizes funding for barns that remain in agricultural use. Of those barns receiving funds, a significant majority are on farms with less than 50 acres. Moreover, the vast majority are in rural areas. Thus, since being established, the program has benefited small, family-owned farms (which are small, local businesses) in rural areas. Economic growth in the state since the Great Recession has not been realized evenly. Rural areas and small business had not fully recovered from the recession when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Inflation and increased costs also impact rural areas at a rate disproportionate to more populated urban centers.**

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For small farmers, barns represent the agricultural heritage of the state and often times the legacy of a multi-generational farming family (96% of Washington farms are family farms). But barns are also integral components of their small farm operations, used to house equipment and animals, store product, process crops, and a myriad of other uses. Barns have utility directly connected to a functioning farm operation. When these buildings fall into disrepair and are unable to be used, it impacts the overall efficiency of the farm. The Heritage Barn Survey identified specific factors that exacerbate the challenges barn owners/farmers face in terms of maintaining a functioning barn. These include zoning and code requirements developed for more suburban growth and land use patterns subsequently applied to rural areas in agricultural use. Certain building codes misapplied to barns lead to challenges with rehabilitation. Additionally, as population growth spreads into rural areas, nearby land values may increase. But these increases assume a residential use versus the current agricultural use, artificially raising property values. While policies do exist to address this, not all counties have adopted them and in counties that have, they can be applied unevenly. Given these realities, the barn program is actually an economic development program serving farmers and supporting small farm operations. Moreover, as there are nearly 27,000 female farmers statewide, the program also supports women owned farms.

Overall, the program impacts the agricultural community in rural areas, including all economically distressed counties in the state.

12. Is this project eligible for Direct Pay? If the answer is yes, you must include this project to the list of direct pay projects and information for submittal (see Chapter 1.7 of the capital budget instructions for additional instructions). This project is not eligible for Direct Pay.

13. Is there additional information you would like decision makers to know when evaluating this request?  
None stated.[CM3]

14. Reappropriation: if the project was originally funded prior to the 2021-23 biennium, describe the project and each subproject, including the original appropriation year, status of the project and an explanation why a reappropriation is needed.

The agency is not seeking reappropriation of any program funds provided prior to the 2021-23 biennium.[CM4]

15. If the project is linked to the Governor’s Salmon Strategy provide an explanation of how the budget request relates to a salmon strategy action, is urgent in the coming biennium to advance salmon recovery, is aligned with a federally approved salmon recovery plan, and/or advances a known tribal priority.

This project is not linked to the Governor’s Salmon Strategy.

16. In the agency summary, include the statement, “Related to implementing the Governor’s Salmon Strategy.” See Chapter 14 in the 2025-27 operating budget instructions for more information.

This project is not linked to the Governor’s Salmon Strategy.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

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Grant Recipient Organization: Barn Owners

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, this would use the same criteria for evaluating projects as the current barn grant program. The criteria used for evaluating projects are defined in the legislation that established the program.

**Growth Management impacts**

Implementation of this program has and will continue to support statewide and local growth management plans such as the State Growth Management Act goal 2 to "...Reduce the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development" and Goal 8 "...Encourage the conservation of productive forestlands and productive agricultural lands, and discourage incompatible uses." This grant program is linked to these goals by supporting small scale and family farms in keeping historic barns in service and thereby the economic viability of working farms.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	1,000,000				1,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

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Project Title: 2025-27 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

### Project Summary

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) is requesting \$10,512,269 for the 2025-27 biennium, a re-appropriation of \$2,931,011 from the 2023-25 biennium, and a re-appropriation of \$1,500,128 from the 2021-23 biennium to continue support for the existing Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant program. This funding request will support the rehabilitation of historic courthouses in fourteen counties across the state in the new biennium. The program is a match between state funds and county governments, resulting in each grant award leveraging additional investment. Inflation coupled with flattening county revenues continues to impact county abilities to address needed capital improvements to courthouses. This program has the strong support of the Washington State Association of Counties. In the 2023-25 biennium, the agency requested \$4,761,100 for the program and the legislature allocated \$3,162,000.

### Project Description

In 2005, the Legislature established the Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant program in response to a statewide survey that found 33 of the state's county courthouses to be of architectural and historic merit (currently, 35 county courthouses are now considered historic, as the initial list has since been re-evaluated). Collectively, these courthouses had upwards of \$94 million in identified capital improvement needs. Much of the identified need is associated with character-defining building elements that directly contribute to the historic significance of the courthouse. This request is a priority given the multiple challenges counties face in properly stewarding their respective county courthouses.

To address this capital need, the Legislature allocated \$5 million in the 2005-07 and 2007-09 capital budgets, \$2 million in the 2009-11 budget, \$750,000 in the 2011-13 budget, \$2M again in the 2013-15 budget, \$2.5M in the 2015-17 budget, \$1.137M in the 2017-19 budget, \$1.119M in the 2019-21 budget, \$1.862M in 2021-23, and \$3.162M in the current 2023-25 budget. Since the program's inception, 137 applications have been submitted requesting over \$53.6 million in grant funds. Seventy-seven (77) grants have been awarded to 28 counties statewide, representing an investment of more than \$24.5 million by the state. This investment has leveraged over \$59.2 million in overall capital improvements through courthouse rehabilitation projects. Sales tax revenue generated statewide through the courthouse program is estimated to be nearly \$5 million.

The proposal is to continue the Historic County Courthouse Grant Program. In August 2024, the grant program Steering Committee convened and reviewed applications to the program, recommending funding to fourteen (14) counties for the purpose of supporting historic county courthouse rehabilitation efforts in each of the fourteen counties, respectively. Funding the program at \$10,512,269 will provide grant assistance to fourteen (14) counties statewide, summarized in the following prioritized order:

1. Okanogan - \$800,000
  2. Klickitat - \$618,500
  3. Pend Oreille - \$125,000
  4. Chelan - \$311,784
  5. Grays Harbor - \$467,000
  6. Wahkiakum - \$365,291
  7. Lewis - \$150,000
  8. Spokane - \$500,000
  9. Douglas - \$610,075
  10. San Juan - \$1,500,000
  11. Walla Walla - \$1,995,516
  12. Snohomish - \$1,540,000
  13. Franklin - \$29,103
  14. Clark - \$1,500,000
- Total: \$10,512,269

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These courthouses represent the history of the state at the local and regional level – each one is either listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the Washington Heritage Register. The State’s funding ensures that county courthouses are rehabilitated or restored using the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and many of the projects serve to enhance ADA accessibility. By investing in the historic character of county courthouses, the State prolongs the useable life of the facility, acknowledges the rich history of local government and the role counties have played in Washington’s development from a territory through statehood, saves significant buildings from demolition by neglect and reuses existing resources in a sustainable manner. Preservation and reuse of historic buildings reduces resource and material consumption, puts less waste in landfills, and consumes less energy than demolishing buildings. Investment in the continued use of civic buildings is an investment in sustainability. Historic preservation means environmental, cultural and economic benefits for Washington communities.

Provide answers to the following questions, which will inform decision makers about the proposed project.

1. Identify the problem or opportunity addressed. Why is the request a priority? This narrative should identify unserved/underserved people or communities, operating budget savings, public safety improvements or other backup necessary to understand the need for the request. For preservation projects, it is helpful to include information about the current condition of the facility or system.

The principal problem being addressed is the physical needs of historic county courthouses in Washington State and the millions of dollars required for proper rehabilitation and restoration projects. Due to the cost and logistical challenges of historic rehabilitation, preservation is often de-incentivized and important resources like courthouses fall into disrepair. Increasingly, courthouse needs related to security and social justice require counties to find creative solutions for making courthouses safe and accessible to all. The same holds true for energy efficiency. It can be a difficult design problem to replace outdated mechanical and electrical equipment with updated, high-performing systems without impacting historic features. As recent state mandates require publicly owned buildings to meet newly established energy efficiency standards, counties are left with difficult choices given limited revenue. The courthouse grant program assists counties to implement actions that both increase efficiency and often accessibility while preserving the building, creating case studies on how to improve building performance while enhancing historic and architectural character.

Additionally, following the pandemic, counties have been faced with implementing measures to protect county staff and the public who regularly use the facilities as protection from ongoing COVID threats. Measures that were temporary in nature at the start of COVID are now standard operating procedure for continued protection against exposure. As counties expend funds on such measures, they have less available to address other critical capital needs, including those associated with preservation of historic elements signifying the importance of courthouses and the civic role they play for communities across the state. Compliance with multiple mandates – including security and accessibility – is expensive and it is imperative that solutions are implemented in a manner compatible with the significant character of historic courthouses. Of the fourteen courthouse projects recommended for funding, seven are located in counties defined as “distressed” by the Employment Security Department due to unemployment rates that significantly exceed the state average. This request will assist counties in being the best stewards possible of their historic courthouses.

The courthouse program also serves courthouses located in counties with smaller populations and less population density overall. Of the fourteen (14) counties recommended for funding, five (5) are located in counties with populations less than 100,000, two (2) are in counties with populations less than 50,000, and four (4) are in counties with populations less than 25,000 according to 2022 demographic figures. Considering the municipal level, one (1) of the recommended courthouses is located in a city with a population less than 10,000, while an additional seven (7) are located in cities with populations less than 5,000, per 2022 demographic figures. The smaller population base of these counties results in less revenue available to county government for capital needs. Moreover, these counties generally do not have the same presence of large corporations as more urban counties, relying instead on small business to drive the local economy and provide the tax base for county revenue. Small business was disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. With federal recovery funds expiring, it still remains unclear what the impact to small business – especially in rural areas – will be. With this key tax base remaining impacted, it affects a county’s revenue and ability to address capital needs.

Add to this the impact inflation has had, especially with respect to construction materials. Steep increases in capital

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construction costs were a result in part of pandemic-related supply chain issues. While supply chains have recovered to some degree, inflation has continued to increase at higher-than-average levels the past few years, only recently showing signs of slowing. The result has been that many counties have held off on implementing capital projects. Projects that had been slated to move from the planning to implementation phase were out of reach due to rising prices, forcing county officials to delay addressing non-emergency capital needs. Such delays exacerbate deferred maintenance, often making projects even more expensive down the road in cases where deterioration of building elements continues unchecked. When faced with improvements to courthouse buildings, counties are often forced to focus on life safety, code compliance and newer physical distancing measures that have become standard operating procedure post-COVID. Additional economic factors further impact a county's ability to preserve their cherished courthouse buildings. Projects addressing important building features – particularly character-defining features attributable to the significance of a courthouse – are omitted. Prolonged deferred maintenance of these features increases the probability they will be lost forever, impacting the historic nature of these important civic buildings. Program funding enables counties to implement cost-saving operational measures, public and life safety improvements, and security and ADA upgrades along with activity to preserve the historic nature of courthouses.

2. What will the request produce or construct (i.e., predesign or design of a building, construction of additional space, etc.)? When will the project start and be completed? Identify whether the project can be phased, and if so, which phase is included in the request. Please provide detailed cost backup.

The request will result in direct support for rehabilitation of historic courthouses in fourteen (14) counties statewide in the form of matching grants. Grant funds are specifically used to retain and preserve historic, character-defining features present both on the exterior and within the interior of courthouses. Grant funds also support essential projects such as roof replacement, foundation repair, structural stabilization and seismic retrofits. Because courthouse grant requests are packaged as a discrete scope of work able to be implemented by counties within a set timeframe, phasing is not applicable within a single biennium. However, as counties are eligible to apply for grant funds in successive biennia, several counties have presented application requests as a single phase of an overall multi-phased project intended to be implemented over multiple years. In this manner, counties are able to engage in more long-range planning, spreading the cost of comprehensive rehabilitation projects over several budget cycles.

If fully funded the program would directly support county government in fourteen (14) counties across the state. This in turn would impact residents of these fourteen counties, both from the standpoint of implementing needed capital improvements to historic courthouses and by embracing and highlighting county history. In general, the program impacts the state's economy by stimulating local economic development at the county level through job creation, increased tax revenue, reduced energy consumption and increased tourism.

If program funds are allocated for the 2025-27 biennium, the agency anticipates preparing contract documents to be ready for execution at the start of the biennium on July 1, 2025. All counties recommended for funding have indicated an ability to complete projects by June 30, 2027.

3. How would the request address the problem or opportunity identified in question 1? What would be the result of not acting? Continued funding of this grant program will increase the number and scale of historic county courthouse rehabilitation projects, enrich the heritage resource inventory of the state and ensure the survival of historic county courthouses. Investing in preservation projects has a significant positive impact on local economies through job creation, increased tax revenue and heritage tourism. Funding stimulates local economies, creates jobs in the construction field, increases the historic preservation profile of the state, and prevents demolition and waste. As historic preservation tends to be detailed work, the majority of the material and labor is local. Furthermore, preservation projects are typically labor intensive rather than materials intensive, resulting in a larger proportion of expenditures committed to hiring local workers than with new construction projects. This program acknowledges the importance of the history of local government in Washington.

Funding also results in increased energy efficiency for historic courthouses, enabling them to better perform in terms of energy use. While state grant funds are used specifically to preserve a building's character defining features, required local match expenditures frequently support updating mechanical, electrical and HVAC systems that are past their service life. Retrofitting existing courthouses with energy efficient systems is a far better alternative to constructing a new building. A new

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building, even one with the highest efficiency performance ratings possible, still consumes a tremendous amount of energy as it is being constructed. Rehabilitation of existing courthouses retains and harnesses all of the embodied energy utilized in the original construction of these courthouses, avoiding the energy costs associated with demolition and avoiding the need to add building debris resulting from demolition to already overcrowded landfills.

Furthermore, many counties in more rural areas fund capital projects through real estate excise tax revenue. The cost of residential real estate increased sharply during the pandemic and continues to increase. Coupled with high interest rates, the impact has been a slowdown in real estate activity. The number of homes sold in Washington through June 2024 was down 11.5% year over year. This is felt even more acutely in rural areas far from larger population centers. As real estate excise tax is more dependent on sales volume than sales price, a slowdown in sales can have the effect of lowering excise tax revenues despite an increase in price.

Given that eight (8) of the fourteen (14) county courthouses recommended for funding in the 25-27 biennium are in small towns/cities with populations less than 10,000 (and of those, seven are in towns with a population less than 5,000), this program supports rural economic development activity. County investment enabling courthouses to continue serving the public encourages communities at large to think creatively about the use of their historic assets in community planning and their response to sustainability goals and principles. Many of the courthouses are in downtown areas, so their continued existence is critical for the locally based surrounding businesses. This is the only source of state funding readily available, specifically for historic county courthouses. The extremely competitive Heritage Capital Project grant program through the Washington State Historical Society is available for courthouse projects, but only two grants have ever been awarded to county courthouses through this program, as priority for funding goes to smaller scale arts and heritage projects. A dedicated source of funding to historic county courthouses is important because of the unique nature of the historic resources and the need to ensure historic preservation standards are maintained. Failure to take action on this program would decrease the amount of rehabilitation activity on the state's 35 historic county courthouses, increase levels of deferred maintenance, impact facility operating costs as counties grapple with repairing outdated systems, and potentially result in the loss of irreplaceable historic features intrinsically connected to the significance of the building.

4. What alternatives were explored? Why was the recommended alternative chosen? Be prepared to provide detailed cost backup. If this project has an associated predesign, please summarize the alternatives the predesign considered.

The courthouse grant program was created in part due to the direct lack of resources available to counties and since its inception has focused solely on historic county courthouse preservation. The program does not compete with other property types and uses. Heritage Capital Project grants are available for county courthouses, but out of 421 grants awarded through this program since 1995, only two grants have gone to counties for courthouse rehabilitation. The overall determination of courthouse capital needs came directly from a courthouse assessment study funded by the Legislature. As such, no other alternatives were explored. If the program is not funded, this would end the statewide program to protect and preserve county courthouses. There would be no job creation, no local benefit, and no local or state tax revenue generated. Courthouses would continue to suffer from benign neglect creating greater need for funding requirements in the future.

5. Which clientele would be impacted by the budget request? Where and how many units would be added, people or communities served, etc.

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This project supports the agency's mission to combine historic preservation with economic development. According to the Washington State Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation Study, every \$1 million spent on historic rehabilitation creates 28 jobs. Funding this program will assist the local economy and create local income multipliers by keeping work in the affected county. Additionally, eight of the fourteen courthouses are located in communities served by DAHP's Main Street

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Program. Main Street focuses on historic preservation as economic development and these historic courthouses serve as anchors within the core of their respective downtowns. Preserving these buildings aligns with the work of Main Street, expanding the clientele to include not only county staff and visitors to the courthouse, but the entire downtown business/merchant core. The state's sustainability initiatives are also served by this program, as the grants provide incentives for the maintenance and increased energy efficiency of historic buildings, a green practice. Rehabilitation reduces the waste stream to landfills and promotes the recycling of existing structures. Historic county courthouse rehabilitation supports two DAHP activities: preserving and enhancing historic places and protecting archaeological and cultural resources.

6. Does this project or program leverage non-state funding? If yes, how much by source? If the other funding source requires cost share, also include the minimum state (or other) share of project cost allowable and the supporting citation or documentation.

Yes. The grant program requires counties to provide a non-state match of at least 25% of the grant request, and in many cases the non-state match provided by the county equals or exceeds the full grant request. Match can be direct or indirect. There is no other state funding required to complete the project. Grant awards as recommended in the table provided above constitute the full scope of state funds. If fully funded at \$10,512,269 the program is anticipated to leverage an additional investment of over \$9.2 million, for a total capital investment of nearly \$20 million to the fourteen historic courthouses recommended to receive funding. In fact, over the life of the grant program, local county match has consistently exceeded the required minimum. Overall, 77 grants totaling more than \$24.5 million in funds have been awarded. This investment has leveraged over \$36.2 million in supporting local match. Non-state funding, therefore, has exceeded state funding by nearly 50% over the life of the program. The only other state funding source eligible to be used as match in conjunction with courthouse grants are the Energy Efficiency grants through the Department of Commerce. This provides counties an opportunity to couple courthouse grants with energy efficiency grants, resulting in a more comprehensive rehabilitation project (to date, no counties have coupled these programs in this way).

7. Describe how this project supports the agency's strategic master plan or would improve agency performance. Reference feasibility studies, master plans, space programming and other analyses as appropriate.

This program is central to DAHP's functions and is one of the agency's flagship expenditure programs. This program complements the Heritage Barn Grant, Historic Cemetery Grant, and Historic Theater Grant programs run by DAHP to provide the majority of preservation grant funding in the state. It supports heritage tourism within participating Main Street communities, as many county courthouses are located in communities with active Main Street programs. It will improve economic activity in many government jurisdictions and directly fulfills the statewide strategy of improving cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state. The County Courthouse Grant program supports the State Historic Preservation Plan (PLAN). For the 2021-26 planning timeframe, this program is captured generally in Goal 1, which states (in part): Recognize the protection of cultural resources as key to fostering civic engagement, local identity, and community pride. The program specifically addresses Goal 1 A: Engage with Organizations and local units of government to integrate historic preservation into state and local land-use and growth-management policy; and Goal 1 B: Seek opportunities to promote the connection between historic preservation, climate change, economic recovery, and sustainability/environmental initiatives. It also generally supports Goal 4: Invest our energy, expertise, and passion for preservation in the places, people, and organizations where decisions are made that affect our heritage.

8. Does this decision package include funding for any Information Technology related costs including hardware, software (to include cloud-based services), contracts or staff? If the answer is yes, you will be prompted to attach a complete IT addendum. (See Chapter 10 of the operating budget instructions for additional requirements.)

No, this request does not include funding for IT related costs.

9. If the project is linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda, describe the impacts on the Action Agenda, including expenditure and FTE detail. See Chapter 14 (Puget Sound Recovery and Governor's Salmon Strategy) in the 2025-27 Operating Budget Instructions.

This project is not linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

10. How does this project contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions limits established in RCW 70A.45.050, clean

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buildings performance standards in RCW 19.27A.210, or other statewide goals to reduce carbon pollution and/or improve energy efficiency? Please elaborate. For buildings subject to the clean buildings performance standards, describe your compliance pathway for the building, and include information about energy audits, metering, and energy benchmarking. The greenest building is one that is already built. This program uses existing resources and preserves them for current and future use by promoting re-use, repairing rather than replacing building components, and making energy efficient upgrades to reduce carbon emissions. The reuse of existing buildings is inherently sustainable and aligns perfectly with the state's carbon reduction targets. Reusing existing buildings takes advantage of existing infrastructure, and the minimal use of new materials reduces emissions associated with the extraction, manufacturing and transporting of materials. Furthermore, re-using existing buildings reduces or eliminates demolition debris from landfills. The agency was also one of the first organizations to join the internationally recognized Climate Heritage Network, which focuses on assisting **communities in tackling climate change and achieving the ambitions of the Paris Agreement by promoting a culture of reuse to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to conserve embodied energy.**

**11. How is your proposal impacting equity in the state? Which communities are impacted by this proposal? Include both demographic and geographic communities. How are disparities in communities impacted?**

**Of Washington's 39 counties, only 35 have county courthouses that meet the requirements for historic designation. These 35 courthouses are the only buildings eligible to apply for grants. As noted above, of the fourteen (14) courthouses recommended to receive funding, eight (8) are located in cities with a population less than 10,000 (seven are in towns with a population less than 5,000). Moreover, seven (7) of the recommended courthouses are located in counties defined as "distressed" by the Employment Security Department due to unemployment rates that significantly exceed the state average. During the grant application evaluation process, a county's status as 'distressed' is taken into account and given special consideration by the review committee. This acknowledges the disadvantage many rural counties face in terms of tax base, revenue generation needed for key capital improvements, and the lack of ability to fully recover from pandemic-era economic challenges as compared to counties with more urban population centers. This program supports rural economic development activity.**

**12. Is this project eligible for Direct Pay? If the answer is yes, you must include this project to the list of direct pay projects and information for submittal (see Chapter 1.7 of the capital budget instructions for additional instructions). This project is not eligible for Direct Pay.**

**13. Is there additional information you would like decision makers to know when evaluating this request?**

**This grant program is one of DAHP's flagship preservation programs. Historic preservation is a proven strategy that encourages economic growth, increases energy efficiency and reduces carbon emissions. Historic preservation supports locally based jobs and companies. It increases tax revenue for the state and local communities through local sales. Historic preservation also supports heritage tourism efforts. As historic country courthouses are located in 35 out of 39 counties, a grants program has the ability to bring local economic stimulus through preservation to almost every part of the state.**

**14. Reappropriation: if the project was originally funded prior to the 2021-23 biennium, describe the project and each subproject, including the original appropriation year, status of the project and an explanation why a reappropriation is needed.**

**The agency is not seeking reappropriation of any program funds provided prior to the 2021-23 biennium.[CM1]**

**15. If the project is linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy provide an explanation of how the budget request relates to a salmon strategy action, is urgent in the coming biennium to advance salmon recovery, is aligned with a federally approved salmon recovery plan, and/or advances a known tribal priority.**

This project is not linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy.

**16. In the agency summary, include the statement, "Related to implementing the Governor's Salmon Strategy." See Chapter 14 in the 2025-27 operating budget instructions for more information.**

This project is not linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy.

[CM1]We do need a reappropriation of 23-25 funds. And, as noted above, there are two 21-23 courthouse projects still in progress. The agency will need to decide if they want to seek reappropriation of funds for these two projects.

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**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** Courthouses

**RCW that establishes grant:** 27.34

**Application process used**

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**Growth Management impacts**

Goal 13 of the Growth Management Act encourages the identification and preservation of historic places. This project directly supports this statewide goal in addition to local growth management goals on economic development, downtown revitalization, sustainability, infrastructure, and conserving natural resources.

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			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropr	New Approps
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	10,512,000				10,512,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,512,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,512,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

## SubProjects

SubProject Number: 40000049

SubProject Title: Okanogan County Courthouse



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## SubProjects

SubProject Number: 40000049

SubProject Title: Okanogan County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Okanogan County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Okanogan County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Okanogan

County: Okanogan

Legislative District: 007

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	800,000				800,000
	<b>Total</b>	800,000	0	0	0	800,000
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	

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SubProject Number: 40000049

SubProject Title: Okanogan County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000050

SubProject Title: Klickitat County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Klickitat County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Klickitat County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Goldendale

County: Klickitat

Legislative District: 014

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist is providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

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SubProject Number: 40000050

SubProject Title: Klickitat County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	618,000				618,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>618,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>618,000</b>

**Future Fiscal Periods**

	2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State				
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000041

SubProject Title: Pend Oreille County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Pend Oreille County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Pend Oreille County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Newport

County: Pend Oreille

Legislative District: 007

**Project Type**

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 SubProject Title: Pend Oreille County Courthouse  
 SubProject Class: Grant

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouse

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	125,000				125,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125,000</b>
<u>Future Fiscal Periods</u>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

**No Operating Impact**

SubProject Number: 40000042  
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SubProject Number: 40000042

SubProject Title: Chelan County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Chelan County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Chelan County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Wenatchee

County: Chelan

Legislative District: 012

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	312,000				312,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>312,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>312,000</b>
		<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>				
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
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SubProject Number: 40000042

SubProject Title: Chelan County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000043

SubProject Title: Grays Harbor County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Grays Harbor County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Grays Harbor County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Montesano

County: Grays Harbor

Legislative District: 024

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** Courthouses

**RCW that establishes grant:** 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist in providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

**Growth Management impacts**

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**SubProjects**

SubProject Number: 40000043

SubProject Title: Grays Harbor County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	467,000				467,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>467,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>467,000</b>

**Future Fiscal Periods**

	2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State				
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000044

SubProject Title: Wahkiakum County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Wahkiakum County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Wahkiakum County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Cathlamet

County: Wahkiakum

Legislative District: 019

**Project Type**

Grants

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 Project Class: Grant

## SubProjects

SubProject Number: 40000044  
 SubProject Title: Wahkiakum County Courthouse  
 SubProject Class: Grant

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	365,000				365,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>365,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>365,000</b>
<u>Future Fiscal Periods</u>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000045  
 SubProject Title: Lewis County Courthouse  
 SubProject Class: Grant



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Project Title: 2025-27 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

## SubProjects

SubProject Number: 40000045

SubProject Title: Lewis County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Lewis County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Lewis County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Chehalis

County: Lewis

Legislative District: 020

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist is providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

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**Funding**

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		<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>Prior Biennium</u>	<u>Current Biennium</u>	<u>Reapprops</u>	<u>New Approps</u>
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	150,000				150,000
	<b>Total</b>	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	

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**SubProjects**

SubProject Number: 40000045

SubProject Title: Lewis County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000046

SubProject Title: Spokane County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Spokane County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Spokane County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Spokane

County: Spokane

Legislative District: 003

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist is providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

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**SubProjects**

SubProject Number: 40000046

SubProject Title: Spokane County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Expenditures			2025-27 Fiscal Period	
		Estimated Total	Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropr	New Approps
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	500,000				500,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**Future Fiscal Periods**

	2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State				
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000047

SubProject Title: Douglas County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Douglas County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Douglas County Courthouse

**Location**

City: East Wenatchee

County: Douglas

Legislative District: 012

**Project Type**

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## SubProjects

SubProject Number: 40000047  
 SubProject Title: Douglas County Courthouse  
 SubProject Class: Grant

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	610,000				610,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>610,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>610,000</b>
<u>Future Fiscal Periods</u>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

**No Operating Impact**

SubProject Number: 40000048  
 SubProject Title: San Juan County Courthouse  
 SubProject Class: Grant

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Project Title: 2025-27 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

## SubProjects

SubProject Number: 40000048

SubProject Title: San Juan County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

San Juan County Courthouse

**Project Description**

San Juan County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Friday Harbor

County: San Juan

Legislative District: 040

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist is providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

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		<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>Prior Biennium</u>	<u>Current Biennium</u>	<u>Reapprops</u>	<u>New Approps</u>
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	1,500,000				1,500,000
	<b>Total</b>	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	

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Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

SubProject Number: 40000048

SubProject Title: San Juan County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000051

SubProject Title: Walla Walla County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Walla Walla County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Walla Walla County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Walla Walla

County: Walla Walla

Legislative District: 016

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** Courthouses

**RCW that establishes grant:** 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist in providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

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Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

SubProject Number: 40000051

SubProject Title: Walla Walla County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	1,996,000				1,996,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,996,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,996,000</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

SubProject Number: 40000052

SubProject Title: Snohomish County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Snohomish County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Snohomish County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Everett

County: Snohomish

Legislative District: 038

**Project Type**

Grants

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 Project Class: Grant

## SubProjects

SubProject Number: 40000052  
 SubProject Title: Snohomish County Courthouse  
 SubProject Class: Grant

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist in providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	1,540,000				1,540,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,540,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,540,000</b>
<u>Future Fiscal Periods</u>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

**No Operating Impact**

SubProject Number: 40000053  
 SubProject Title: Franklin County Courthouse  
 SubProject Class: Grant



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Project Class: Grant

## SubProjects

SubProject Number: 40000053

SubProject Title: Franklin County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Franklin County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Franklin County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Pasco

County: Franklin

Legislative District: 015

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: Courthouses

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist is providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

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		<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>Prior Biennium</u>	<u>Current Biennium</u>	<u>Reapprops</u>	<u>New Approps</u>
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	29,000				29,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

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**SubProjects**

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SubProject Number: 40000053

SubProject Title: Franklin County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

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SubProject Number: 40000054

SubProject Title: Clark County Courthouse

SubProject Class Grant

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

Clark County Courthouse

**Project Description**

Clark County Courthouse

**Location**

City: Vancouver

County: Clark

Legislative District: 049

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** Courthouses

**RCW that establishes grant:** 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, the program would use the same process for evaluating projects as the current courthouse grant program. In the year preceding a legislative budget session, program staff work with county officials to develop proposed scopes of work for courthouse grant applications. Following the application deadline, program staff review and process all submittals, which are then distributed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for review. The committee then convenes to make funding recommendations to the agency. These recommendations are summarized in the table at the top of this document. In general, applications are reviewed on the degree of urgency demonstrated, public visibility of work to historic/character-defining features, projects that assist in providing structural and life safety improvements, and project feasibility.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

**SubProjects**

SubProject Number: 40000054

SubProject Title: Clark County Courthouse

SubProject Class: Grant

**Funding**

<u>Acct Code</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>2025-27 Fiscal Period</u>	
			<u>Prior Biennium</u>	<u>Current Biennium</u>	<u>Reappropriations</u>	<u>New Appropriations</u>
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	1,500,000				1,500,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

		<u>Future Fiscal Periods</u>			
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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**Project Title:** 2025-27 Historic Cemetery Capital Grant Program

**Project Class:** Grant

**Description**

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Project Title: 2025-27 Historic Cemetery Capital Grant Program

Project Class: Grant

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency Priority: 3

### Project Summary

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) is requesting \$515,000 for the 2025-27 biennium, a re-appropriation of \$489,921 from the 2023-25 biennium, and a re-appropriation of \$77,758 from the 2021-23 biennium for continued support of the existing Historic Cemetery Program. In 2016 the legislature passed HB 2637, creating a state historic cemetery capital grant program in this agency. Grant funds support projects defined across three categories: protection & security, restoration & preservation, and interpretive displays. Funds can generally be used for construction, rehabilitation, or renovation that preserves and/or interprets the historic character, features, or materials of a decaying or abandoned cemetery. Grant requests cannot exceed \$50,000. In the 2017-19 biennium, the legislature allocated \$500,000 to fund the program, marking the first grant funding cycle subsequent to the legislature creating the program in statute in 2016. The legislature approved an additional \$515,000 for 2019-21, \$300,000 for 2021-23 biennium, and in 2023-25 the agency requested and received \$515,000 for the program.

### Project Description

1. Identify the problem or opportunity addressed. Why is the request a priority? This narrative should identify unserved/underserved people or communities, operating budget savings, public safety improvements or other backup necessary to understand the need for the request. For preservation projects, it is helpful to include information about the current condition of the facility or system.

Washington State has approximately 1,950 historic cemeteries and burial sites. Due to burial alternatives, particularly cremation, cemeteries have seen a decline in revenue across the nation and in the state of Washington. The pandemic exacerbated these challenges for cemeteries. As death rates normalized following the pandemic, funeral providers witnessed both a decline in services as well as a shift in how services are provided. Advances in technology helped funeral homes pivot to enable livestreaming funeral services and online cremation arrangements. But because such services are less expensive than more traditional end-of-life activities, revenue per event is down. Coupled with the rapidly increasing percentages of cremations versus in-ground interments, financial dynamics have shifted in the industry. Reductions in operating funds have resulted in the loss of budget dollars allocated for long-term cemetery stewardship for many small and large community cemeteries. With fewer funds committed to capital improvements, operators are struggling to maintain the condition of their cemetery. It is estimated that more than 250 cemeteries statewide have experienced fiscal issues resulting in limited care or even abandonment.

While all cemeteries face challenges, it is frequently small cemeteries in more rural areas most heavily impacted. Privately owned and operated cemeteries seem especially susceptible to abandonment, as the financial model under which they operate increasingly becomes less fiscally viable. In areas where cemetery districts are in place to manage operations, revenue streams available at the local level are not robust enough to meet capital needs. Moreover, smaller, more rural cemeteries have far less capacity than larger operations to absorb revenue loss resulting from increased cremations – they rely on revenue from burials to remain solvent. Nor do they have the technological capacity to mitigate this by offering livestreaming services.

Increasingly, rural and urban cemeteries alike are also subject to vandalism and trespassing. Grant funds can be used for security measures such as fencing, lighting, and cameras, thereby discouraging vandalism and decreasing the costs associated with damage from vandals. To help address these challenges, in 2016 the legislature passed HB 2637, establishing a state historic cemetery capital grant program in this agency. This request for funds will satisfy the agency's statutory authority to provide grants (RCW 27.34.420) intended to preserve historic cemeteries.

These small grants will generally assist with modest preservation activities not to exceed \$50,000. There is no required match of federal, state, local or private funds. Grant applicants may opt to seek additional funds from applicable federal, state, local or private funds to implement a scope of work beyond the agency's grant award and are encouraged to do so. As many

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cemetery associations and organizations rely on volunteer labor for ongoing maintenance and care, it is anticipated that grant applicants may also utilize volunteer labor and donated services to assist with project implementation. Although there is no local match required, to date the program has leveraged additional local investment in the form of both cash expenditures and donated services. Taken collectively, this additional local investment exceeds total grant funds awarded by approximately 20%.

Additionally, grant recipients must maintain the cemetery for 10 years. Privately owned cemeteries must enter into a 10-year easement ensuring public access to the cemetery. Overall, these grants will assist with protecting the integrity of the historic cemetery and funding necessary improvements and rehabilitation.

2. What will the request produce or construct (i.e., predesign or design of a building, construction of additional space, etc.)? When will the project start and be completed? Identify whether the project can be phased, and if so, which phase is included in the request. Please provide detailed cost backup.

The Historic Cemetery grant program will maintain historic cemeteries throughout the state. The program is intended to benefit the public by preserving outstanding examples of the state's heritage, enabling historic cemeteries to continue to serve their communities, and, for those with military burials, honoring the service and lives of military veterans buried within them. Grants can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or renovation that preserves the historic character, features or materials of the cemetery. Grant funds support projects defined across three categories: 1. protection & security, intended to decrease incidents of vandalism, graffiti and trespassing; 2. restoration & preservation, focused on capital improvements, repair and treatment of elements such as headstones, markers, crypts, mausoleums and other structures or buildings on site; and 3. interpretive displays, intended to provide visitors with historic context for the cemetery.

The agency has received 180 applications requesting nearly \$6.2M in grant support since the program's establishment (in the 2023-25 biennium, the program witnessed its largest applicant pool ever with 66 cemeteries requesting grant funds – an increase of 40% over the prior high). The average grant request has been approximately \$35,000. Of these applicants, 73 were awarded grants, with the average grant award at nearly \$16,500. With \$515,000 from the 2025-27 capital budget, the agency anticipates funding an additional 15-20 grant requests at comparable levels.

As a grant program that funds multiple individual projects, general phasing is not applicable. However, as grant requests may not exceed \$50,000, applicants may opt to phase projects exceeding this threshold over multiple funding cycles.

Continuing the cemetery grant program allows cemetery owners and stewards to engage in more strategic long-term planning, accounting for possible grant awards as a potential source of funding for multi-year capital improvement efforts. If funds for the program are allocated for the 2025-27 biennium, the call for grant applications would be issued in the late summer of 2025. Applicants indicating an ability to complete cemetery projects by June 30, 2027 would receive priority for funding.

3. How would the request address the problem or opportunity identified in question 1? What would be the result of not acting?

The Historic Cemetery grant program provides critical funding to communities around the state to complete projects at historic cemeteries that they would otherwise be unable to afford. Operating funds have declined significantly at cemeteries across the state as a result of changing funerary and burial practices. Many cemeteries rely on volunteers and nonprofit organizations for their operation and maintenance resulting in limited budgets that can cover minimal operating expenses each year. Cemeteries under the purview of a cemetery district are funded nearly entirely through cemetery district levies, the amount of which are capped by state law. In many cases, revenue from these districts is insufficient to cover operating costs, let alone critical preservation needs. Not taking action could result in continued decline of our historic cemeteries and ties to our heritage around the state including: further degradation of monuments and grave markers that honor our state's military veterans; increasing safety and security concerns; deferred maintenance on cemetery buildings; limited or restricted public access to burials because of safety concerns; more cemeteries abandoned because of cost; and increasing operating costs overall.

4. What alternatives were explored? Why was the recommended alternative chosen? Be prepared to provide detailed cost backup. If this project has an associated predesign, please summarize the alternatives the predesign considered.

In 2016, the legislature passed HB 2637, which the Governor subsequently signed into law. The statute specifically creates the historic cemetery preservation capital grant program for the express purpose of preserving outstanding examples of the

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state's heritage and enabling historic cemeteries to continue to serve their communities and honor military veterans buried within them. Given the specificity within the statute, no alternatives were explored.

5. Which clientele would be impacted by the budget request? Where and how many units would be added, people or communities served, etc.

Communities statewide would benefit from the grant program. Specifically, nonprofit cemetery associations with stewardship responsibilities for cemeteries would benefit, enabling such organizations to address deferred capital needs. Local cemetery districts relying on flat revenues amidst rising costs would also be supported in their efforts to provide care and maintenance for cemeteries under their watch. Local governments, too, would benefit, as many cemeteries are under local city control. For many historic city-owned cemeteries, active burials are no longer a part of cemetery operations. Rather, such cemeteries allow for visitation of interred ancestors, create opportunity to learn about the region's history, and serve as green space providing respite within a natural environment. With post-Covid city revenues remaining flat and often declining, the cemetery program will provide an alternative means for supporting care and stewardship of these resources. More broadly, everyone who visits an ancestor or loved one buried in a Washington cemetery, who is engaged in historic research and/or genealogy work, or who simply enjoys the sacred space and serenity found in burial grounds will be positively impacted by this program. In the four funding cycles since the program's creation, 73 grant awards have been made to cemeteries. It is anticipated an additional 15-20 historic cemeteries across the state would receive grant awards if funding for the program continues. City or county-owned cemeteries, Tribal cemeteries, and those under the jurisdiction of cemetery districts, are eligible to apply for (and have received) grant funding. Funding has worked to support preservation activities that otherwise would not be implemented due to a lack of operating funds. In addition to municipally owned cemeteries, many cemeteries across the state are owned and stewarded by local historical societies or fraternal organizations. Again, funding has worked to support activities otherwise out of reach for these organizations, which struggle at times to provide even basic maintenance/upkeep with volunteer labor. The program has received positive feedback from grant recipients and regularly receives inquiries about the potential for future funds. There is no anticipated opposition.

6. Does this project or program leverage non-state funding? If yes, how much by source? If the other funding source requires cost share, also include the minimum state (or other) share of project cost allowable and the supporting citation or documentation.

There is no required match of federal, state, local or private funds. Grant applicants may opt to seek additional funds from applicable federal, state, local or private funds to implement a scope of work beyond the agency's grant award and are encouraged to do so. Grant applicants may also utilize volunteer labor and donated services. Although there is no local match required, the program has leveraged additional local investment, with overall expenditures (including volunteer labor and in-kind services) for all projects exceeding total grant funds awarded by approximately 20%.

7. Describe how this project supports the agency's strategic master plan or would improve agency performance. Reference feasibility studies, master plans, space programming and other analyses as appropriate.

This program is central to DAHP's functions and is one of the agency's flagship expenditure programs. This program complements the Heritage Barn Grant, Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant, and Historic Theater Grant programs run by DAHP to provide the majority of preservation grant funding in the state. It will improve economic activity in many government jurisdictions and directly fulfills the statewide strategy of improving cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state. The Historic Cemetery Grant program supports the State Historic Preservation Plan (PLAN). For the 2021-26 planning timeframe, this program is captured generally in Goal 1, which states (in part): Recognize the protection of cultural resources as key to fostering civic engagement, local identity, and community pride. The program specifically supports Goal 2 A: Increase efforts to identify, document, or commemorate places associated with diverse communities. Numerous cemetery grants have worked to preserve and/or interpret cemeteries with significant burials of people from communities historically underrepresented in preservation work. Continuing the Historic Cemetery Grant program also supports Goal 4 A: Expand the use of existing and implement new incentives that protect and preserve cultural resources.

8. Does this decision package include funding for any Information Technology related costs including hardware, software (to include cloud-based services), contracts or staff? If the answer is yes, you will be prompted to attach a complete IT addendum. (See Chapter 10 of the operating budget instructions for additional requirements.)

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No, this request does not include funding for IT related costs.

9. If the project is linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda, describe the impacts on the Action Agenda, including expenditure and FTE detail. See Chapter 14 (Puget Sound Recovery and Governor's Salmon Strategy) in the 2025-27 Operating Budget Instructions.

This project is not linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

10. How does this project contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions limits established in RCW 70A.45.050, clean buildings performance standards in RCW 19.27A.210, or other statewide goals to reduce carbon pollution and/or improve energy efficiency? Please elaborate. For buildings subject to the clean buildings performance standards, describe your compliance pathway for the building, and include information about energy audits, metering, and energy benchmarking. Repair and maintenance of cemeteries involves very low carbon-output activities, typically consisting of a lot of manual labor and limited use of motorized equipment and new materials.

11. How is your proposal impacting equity in the state? Which communities are impacted by this proposal? Include both demographic and geographic communities. How are disparities in communities impacted?

Cemeteries offer a final resting place for Washingtonians of all backgrounds, religions, ethnicities, and race. Grant funds have been awarded to projects designed to support interpretation of the multi-faceted history present at cemeteries. For instance, the Roslyn Cemetery in Kittitas County includes burial sections representing the town's rich multicultural mining history. Waves of immigrant groups arrived in Roslyn to work in the coal mines, and the cemetery reflects this diversity, with Irish, African American, Italian and Polish burial sections, to name a few. Grant funds supported creation of an interpretive kiosk at the cemetery providing a consolidated collection of information and material, including directions to specific ethnic and family plots. Additionally, the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation received funds to support installation of interpretive markers at the Chehalis Tribal Cemetery. Many early burials, including a number of veterans, did not receive headstones or markers. The new markers will help identify dates and names of those buried when known, and will acknowledge the presence of a burial in cases where no further information is available. At the Auburn Pioneer Cemetery in King County, grant funds were used to replace three Jizo Statues stolen during WW II. Members from the local Buddhist Temple assisted in the effort, ensuring the new statues appropriately addressed the burial funerary rites of the Japanese Americans buried in the cemetery. The Walla Walla Poor Farm Cemetery is owned and maintained by the City of College Place. As a burial ground for indigents, graves were marked not by names, but by numbers, and all but a few have vanished over the years. City officials used grant funds to erect a granite monument with the names of all 700 individuals buried there. These examples provide a glimpse as to how the Historic Cemetery Grant program is supporting cemetery stewards in their efforts to provide more complete information of our state's history.

One of the primary purposes of grant funding through the Historic Cemetery Preservation Grant Program is to enable historic cemeteries to continue to provide a public benefit by serving their communities and honoring military veterans throughout Washington. This is especially true in rural areas, where resources for cemetery stewardship are more difficult to come by given the small population centers.

12. Is this project eligible for Direct Pay? If the answer is yes, you must include this project to the list of direct pay projects and information for submittal (see Chapter 1.7 of the capital budget instructions for additional instructions).

This project is not eligible for Direct Pay.

13. Is there additional information you would like decision makers to know when evaluating this request?

This grant program is one of DAHP's flagship preservation programs. This is the only source of state funding readily available specifically for historic cemeteries.

14. Reappropriation: if the project was originally funded prior to the 2021-23 biennium, describe the project and each subproject, including the original appropriation year, status of the project and an explanation why a reappropriation is needed. The agency is not seeking reappropriation of any program funds provided prior to the 2021-23 biennium.[CM1]

15. If the project is linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy provide an explanation of how the budget request relates to a salmon strategy action, is urgent in the coming biennium to advance salmon recovery, is aligned with a federally approved salmon recovery plan, and/or advances a known tribal priority.

This project is not linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy.



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16. In the agency summary, include the statement, "Related to implementing the Governor's Salmon Strategy." See Chapter 14 in the 2025-27 operating budget instructions for more information.  
 This project is not linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy.

[CM1]We do need a reappropriation of 23-25 funds. And, as noted above, there are three 21-23 cemetery projects still in progress. The agency will need to decide if they want to seek reappropriation of funds for these three projects.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** Private Historic Cemeteries

**RCW that establishes grant:** 27.34

**Application process used**

The criteria used for evaluating projects are defined in the legislation that established the program. As required, the agency has established a grants review committee of at least five members with expertise or association with historic preservation, cemetery associations, local cemetery boards, or other professional organizations that the Director finds appropriate. Grant applications are considered on the basis of the relative historical significance of the cemetery, whether the proposed project will result in lower costs of maintenance and operations, and the relative percentage of military burials in the cemetery. Additional criteria include the demonstrated urgency of the project, public access to the cemetery, and the extent to which the project leverages community and volunteer support.

**Growth Management impacts**

Goal 13 of the Growth Management Act encourages the identification and preservation of historic places. This project directly supports this statewide goal in addition to local growth management goals on economic development, downtown revitalization, sustainability, infrastructure, and conserving natural resources

## Funding

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	515,000				515,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>515,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>515,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

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### Project Summary

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) is requesting \$515,000 for the 2025-27 biennium, a re-appropriation of \$465,000 from the 2023-25 biennium, and a re-appropriation of \$44,000 from the 2021-23 biennium for continued support of the existing Historic Theater Program. This competitive capital grant program addresses findings from an agency-directed Capital Needs Assessment which identified millions of dollars in needed capital improvements for historic theaters across Washington. Grants are used by small businesses and non-profit or local government theater owners for the following: exterior renovations, façade improvements, change of use for tenants, COVID related safety improvements and/or physical improvements, repair of deteriorating or failing structural and mechanical / electrical / plumbing systems, conserving historic finishes, and keeping up with the demanding technological advancements of the film industry and live performance requirements. The program will create labor-intensive construction jobs and create permanent employment by supporting small business' ability to remain operational and open to the public within safe public health guidelines. In the 2023-25 biennium, the agency requested \$515,000 for the program and the legislature allocated \$515,000.

### Project Description

Provide answers to the following questions, which will inform decision makers about the proposed project.

1. Identify the problem or opportunity addressed. Why is the request a priority? This narrative should identify unserved/underserved people or communities, operating budget savings, public safety improvements or other backup necessary to understand the need for the request. For preservation projects, it is helpful to include information about the current condition of the facility or system.

A 2022 report on the fiscal state of the US Professional Theatre field issued by the Theatre Communications Group highlights the challenges theatres continue to face (report titled Theatre Facts 2022[CM1]). Over the past five years, ticket income decreased by a total of 55%. In 2019, total ticket income accounted for nearly 41% of overall theater expenses, whereas in 2021 this figure was a mere 6.5%. Despite operating in a post-COVID environment, theaters are still struggling to rebound from the pandemic. Many of the same factors exist for theater operators, as staffing and adapting physical space to comply with COVID-related health safety measures have increased expenses. The existing inflationary environment has exacerbated the cost issue. Recent surges in COVID cases has led to renewed concerns over public gathering. Add to this the continued expansion of online streaming services and prevalence of remote work, both which tend to keep people at home. With the end of COVID-era federal support, theaters are producing fewer shows, decreasing run times, and laying off staff. Many are simply closing.

For small theaters in more rural areas, all the same issues exist, compounded by issues of scale: smaller, local historic theaters typically offer only one viewing screen and have fewer amenities compared to the urban and suburban multi-plex theaters in the larger population centers. Both operating capacity and audience attendance remain reduced due to staffing, inflation and the cost of pandemic safety measures. Ticket revenue to performing arts venues are also lower than pre-pandemic levels.

Financial resources for historic theaters are strained at best and are anticipated to remain so in the near-term as the impacts of the pandemic continue to be field across the industry. Revenues that do come in will necessarily be dedicated towards staff to increase production/screening capacity and paying off debt accumulated during the lean COVID years. Critical capital needs – many of which existed prior to the pandemic – will continue to be deferred. This delay to necessary improvements increases capital costs, especially where deterioration of key elements goes unchecked. This grant program is critical in order to alleviate financial burdens from theater owners. It also creates jobs for skilled craftspeople and generates income and tax revenue for the communities in which theaters are located.

Capital needs for historic theaters throughout the state had been identified in a Capital Needs Assessment conducted by the agency in 2008. The study, completed by Artifacts, Inc, examined 80 operating theaters built before 1957 (over fifty years old at the time) to determine issues such as required safety improvements, building system deterioration, deferred maintenance, accessibility challenges, and other code compliance. The physical needs identified in the survey at that time totaled nearly

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\$38 million (nearly \$55.5 million in 2024 dollars when adjusted for inflation). While some of these costs may have been absolved by repair and preservation projects that have occurred since 2008 with and without state capital assistance, the unaddressed, deferred preservation and maintenance needs have undoubtedly grown. Furthermore, nearly 70% of historic theaters included in the study are located in rural jurisdictions with a population fewer than 50,000, and an estimated one-third of these are located in economically distressed counties. Continued funding through this program would have a direct impact on rural and distressed communities. Moreover, the Washington State Main Street Program is housed in the agency. Main Street is an economic development program relying on historic resources in the downtown core to drive revitalization. Many historic theaters are located in communities participating in the agency's Main Street Program. Historic theaters continue to face a variety of challenges, each of which increase the collective threat to their preservation and continued use. The high cost of maintenance leads to disinvestment, increasing the levels of deferred maintenance. This leaves theaters susceptible to further degradation, and state investment in these community beacons is imperative to promoting public mental health, a sense of community, and supporting ongoing job creation and employment.

2. What will the request produce or construct (i.e., predesign or design of a building, construction of additional space, etc.)? When will the project start and be completed? Identify whether the project can be phased, and if so, which phase is included in the request. Please provide detailed cost backup.

The Historic Theater grant program will continue to provide direct support for rehabilitation of historic theaters in the form of matching grants. Grant funds are used to address critical areas of deferred repairs, including essential projects such as roof replacement, foundation repair, structural stabilization, building systems repairs, historic interior finish material conservation, and exterior rehabilitation and restoration. At the same time, these projects retain character-defining features significant to historic theaters. Often, grant awards to theater projects reflect only a portion of the total funds requested. In instances where partial grants are awarded, funds are allocated to support the most critical needs to maintain publicly accessible and safe facilities, including work that allows theaters to remain in use/be put into more active use.

The proposal is to provide matching grants up to \$75,000 to support theater rehabilitation. Applicants must match at least 50% of the total project cost with non-state funds (for a projected estimated at \$100,000, applicants must provide at least \$50,000 in matching funds). If the theater is located in a jurisdiction with a population of under 50,000, or within a distressed county as defined by the Employment Security Department, the match requirement is 25% of the total project cost (for a \$100,000 total project, the applicant must provide at least \$25,000 in matching funds). Depending on the amount of the grant award, theaters receiving funding must enter into a five-to-fifteen-year term historic preservation easement, which specifies public benefit and minimum maintenance requirements. Since the program's establishment in the 2021-23 biennium, the agency received 50 applications requesting nearly \$2.5 million in grant support. The average grant request was just under \$50,000. A total of 20 grants have been awarded, with the average grant award nearing \$39,000. With \$515,000 from the 2025-27 capital budget, the agency anticipates funding an additional 12-15 grant requests at comparable levels. If funds for the program are allocated for the 2025-27 biennium, the call for grant applications would be issued in summer of 2025. Theater owners indicating an ability to complete projects by June 30, 2027 would receive priority for funding.

3. How would the request address the problem or opportunity identified in question 1? What would be the result of not acting? With small business owners and non-profit organizations continuing to face declining revenue and diminished clientele given the post-pandemic ecosystem and shifting audience behavior, few are in a position to implement needed capital improvements. As federal emergency funds have dried up, theaters rely now on ticket income, donations, and, where possible, foundation support (it should be noted that rural areas, where many of our focus theaters are located, have disproportionately lower access to philanthropic foundation dollars than their urban counterparts). Furthermore, events and programming associated with theatergoing, whether it be for a unique event, to watch a film, or to attend a live performance, historically create a powerful secondary impact on local spending by patrons. Theater patrons attend a performance or movie, often coupling this activity by eating at restaurants, visiting and shopping in the small businesses that are concentrated in and around the theater, and patronizing other downtown establishments. Continued funding for the theater grant program will support theater owners in their efforts to make repairs critical to keeping the doors open and, by extension, support other downtown merchants and establishments. Without this catalyst, the domino effect of limited customers may have a negative overall impact on other small businesses that would otherwise benefit from theater patronage.

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This investment into local economies will also continue to foster community social interactions and promote civic engagement. Theaters as public venues offer engagement and serve as proverbial third places: spaces outside the home and workplace offering people the opportunity to be with one another for any variety of purposes, including simply relaxing. In 2023, the US Surgeon General issued an advisory on what has been defined as our nation's epidemic of loneliness and isolation. The findings indicate that approximately half of US adults report experiencing loneliness, with some of the highest rates among young adults. While this has been an increasing trend for a number of years given the rise of social media and personal technology, the pandemic intensified these feelings. Social connection – broadly defined as the interactions, roles, and sense of connection individuals, communities, or society may experience – is identified as a key factor in reducing feelings of loneliness. While preserving historic theaters as third places will not bring an end to feelings of loneliness, they do provide opportunities for increased social connection. As such, theaters play a role in the community's collective mental and economic health.

The majority of Washington's historic theaters are still used as theaters. They retain primary character defining features, both exterior and interior. These theaters often operate on a shoestring. It is a struggle to run the business or nonprofit and maintain staff and audiences when admission must remain affordable and booking requirements add limitations. This grant would directly assist in preservation of these community gathering spots by providing funds for larger scale capital needs that otherwise remain unaddressed as theater owners work to simply keep the doors open.

Failing to invest in historic theaters will restrict the ability of many rural and economically distressed communities to bring the community together and to catalyze local small business support.

4. What alternatives were explored? Why was the recommended alternative chosen? Be prepared to provide detailed cost backup. If this project has an associated predesign, please summarize the alternatives the predesign considered.

Alternatives to this program include Building for the Arts and Heritage Capital Grants, both of which are highly competitive programs and are open to other property use types that may have fewer overall challenges than those facing historic theaters (theaters constitute a unique resource type from a preservation perspective). Both programs also require greater than a 1:1 match. While this program targets smaller theaters in rural downtowns, the existing grant programs are better suited for very large theaters, which have better access to resources than a typical Main Street downtown theater. No other alternatives were explored. The alternative to providing grant support to small theater owners is the absence of grant support. This would result in more theaters being unable to operate at sustainable levels, leading to increased layoffs, and closures.

5. Which clientele would be impacted by the budget request? Where and how many units would be added, people or communities served, etc.

Private, non-profit, and local government owners of historic theaters would be directly impacted by this request. Considering the economic impact associated with rehabilitation work, funding the program is an investment in local economies, the majority of which will boost rural and distressed areas. Theater preservation projects are by nature labor intensive, as they work to repair existing historic material rather than purchase new, pre-fabricated assemblies often shipped from out of state production facilities. As the projects are relatively small from a construction standpoint, they inevitably use small or sole-practitioner contractors, which tend to be local. The program is also generally sustainable. Again, with repair being the focus, smaller amounts of construction debris are taken to local landfills. In short, funding will create work for local companies; use local labor; promote preservation and sustainable practices; reduce waste from demolition; and maintain intact community assets critical to attracting tourism and supporting community gatherings.

Preservation of historic theaters is a public benefit to the state – in the history they represent, as a catalyst for economic activity, and as community assets able to increase social connectivity. In this way, the clientele impacted by the budget request includes both residents of and visitors to Washington. Theater rehabilitation preserves our built heritage and informs a broader understanding of this significant element of our state's development. Stakeholders include the entire theater-going public of Washington state and visitors/tourists who enjoy patronizing historic theaters. Stakeholders also include small businesses and merchants in the downtown commercial core of cities and towns where theaters are located. Theater patronage is very often accompanied by additional economic activity, such as eating out at restaurants and shopping. There has been no opposition to the theater program to date and none is anticipated.

6. Does this project or program leverage non-state funding? If yes, how much by source? If the other funding source requires

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cost share, also include the minimum state (or other) share of project cost allowable and the supporting citation or documentation.

Yes. Grants made through this proposed grant program are matching grants. Theater owners must provide a match of funds received. Owner match can be in the form of cash expenditures but may also be in the form of in-kind (donated) labor, goods and services. Currently, there are no existing state federal programs providing grants to private owners of theaters for rehabilitation purposes, and opportunities for those owned by non-profits or local governments are limited and highly competitive with other dissimilar property types. There may be rural economic development programs where owners could secure low-interest loans eligible to be used for business-related capital projects. Local and private funding sources, to the degree they are available, could be provided as match for state funds for this program.

7. Describe how this project supports the agency's strategic master plan or would improve agency performance. Reference feasibility studies, master plans, space programming and other analyses as appropriate.

The Historic Theater Capital Grant program supports the State Historic Preservation Plan (PLAN). For the 2021-26 planning timeframe, this program is captured in Goal 1 B. Seek opportunities to promote the connection between historic preservation, climate change, economic recovery, and sustainability/environmental initiatives.

Also, Goal 4 A. states: Expand the use of existing, and implement new incentives that protect and preserve cultural resources. [CM2]

In addition to support of the State Historic Preservation Plan, this grant program is linked to the following Results WA goals: Prosperous Economy; Healthy and Safe Communities; and Sustainable Energy and Clean Environment/ This will be achieved by providing access to living wage jobs and increasing the economic security of Washingtonians. [CM3] These outcomes will be reached by assisting the operations of small privately or publicly owned theater facilities, their staffs, local contractors and craft persons in specialized trades, and conserving/recycling resources through rehabilitation of historic buildings rather than new construction.

8. Does this decision package include funding for any Information Technology related costs including hardware, software (to include cloud-based services), contracts or staff? If the answer is yes, you will be prompted to attach a complete IT addendum. (See Chapter 10 of the operating budget instructions for additional requirements.)

No, this request does not include funding for IT related costs.

9. If the project is linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda, describe the impacts on the Action Agenda, including expenditure and FTE detail. See Chapter 14 (Puget Sound Recovery and Governor's Salmon Strategy) in the 2025-27 Operating Budget Instructions.

This project is not linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

10. How does this project contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions limits established in RCW 70A.45.050, clean buildings performance standards in RCW 19.27A.210, or other statewide goals to reduce carbon pollution and/or improve energy efficiency? Please elaborate. For buildings subject to the clean buildings performance standards, describe your compliance pathway for the building, and include information about energy audits, metering, and energy benchmarking.

The greenest building is one that is already built. This program uses existing resources and preserves them for current and future use by promoting re-use, repairing rather than replacing building components, and making energy efficient upgrades to reduce carbon emissions. The reuse of existing buildings is inherently sustainable and aligns perfectly with the state's carbon reduction targets. Reusing existing buildings takes advantage of existing infrastructure, and the minimal use of new materials reduces emissions associated with the extraction, manufacturing and transporting of materials. Furthermore, re-using existing buildings reduces or eliminates demolition debris from landfills.

The agency was also one of the first organizations to join the internationally recognized Climate Heritage Network, which focuses on assisting **communities in tackling climate change and achieving the ambitions of the Paris Agreement by promoting a culture of reuse to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to conserve embodied energy.**

**11. How is your proposal impacting equity in the state? Which communities are impacted by this proposal? Include both demographic and geographic communities. How are disparities in communities impacted?**

**The majority of historic theaters are located in rural areas, with many in jurisdictions defined as distressed counties. Furthermore, these theaters are frequently operated by nonprofits (a number of historic theaters are actually owned by**

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the local jurisdiction and managed by a nonprofit under an operating agreement). Privately owned historic theaters are almost invariably small business enterprises. Rural areas home to our smaller towns and cities do not experience/enjoy the same access to activities/gathering places that exist in the larger population centers. In this way, historic theaters in rural areas truly provide an important and often infrequent opportunity to bring the community together socially. As such the theater grant program is part of a rural economic development strategy. Of the 22 grant applications received in the 2021-23 biennium, 5 were located in jurisdictions with a population under 40,000, while 13 – more than half – were located in jurisdictions with a population under 20,000. Of the 8 grant recipients receiving funds in 2021-23, 6 are in jurisdictions with a population under 40,000 (4 of these were under 20,000). 3 of the 8 are in distressed counties. Of the 28 grant applications received in the 2023-25 biennium, 3 were located in jurisdictions with a population under 40,000, while 11 were located in jurisdictions with a population under 20,000. Of the 12 grant recipients receiving funds in 2023-25, 5 are in jurisdictions with a population under 20,000. 4 of the 12 are in distressed counties. The theater grant program provides support for important community resources with very few options available in terms of preservation and rehabilitation.

The agency is aware of the unique role local, neighborhood theaters play in the social fabric of their communities. In rural areas, theaters may offer one of the few opportunities for the community to gather socially. In other contexts, historically marginalized communities may comprise a significant portion of theater patronage. Local, small theaters also have a reputation for featuring content, films, events and programs that represent multiple narratives. The theater grant takes these considerations into account as part of the application review process. Specifically, one of the scoring criteria addresses equity & accessibility. Applicants are encouraged to describe how their theater features programming that may solicit a diverse audience or provide new perspectives to a typical mainstream audience, along with providing information on additional efforts to welcome under-represented communities through programming or fee structures. The grant review panel considers these responses as part of the evaluation process: the degree to which theater applicants can demonstrate equity and accessibility is reflected in the review of their application.

12. Is this project eligible for Direct Pay? If the answer is yes, you must include this project to the list of direct pay projects and information for submittal (see Chapter 1.7 of the capital budget instructions for additional instructions). This project is not eligible for Direct Pay

13. Is there additional information you would like decision makers to know when evaluating this request?

This program will help the state achieve its carbon reduction targets. The greenest building is one that is already built. This program uses existing resources and preserves them for current and future use by promoting re-use, repairing rather than replacing building components, and making energy efficient upgrades to reduce carbon emissions. The reuse of existing buildings is inherently sustainable and aligns perfectly with the state's carbon reduction targets. Furthermore, re-using existing buildings reduces or eliminates demolition debris from landfills.

Furthermore, the innovation and creativity theater owners employ to stay in business speaks volumes to their dedication to their communities. This was demonstrated profoundly during the pandemic. When forced to close as a result of COVID-19, theater operators 'pivoted' and found ways to remain engaged with their patrons and with the community. By offering virtual content and events, streaming certain performances, and engaging in online activities, theaters continued serve as important gathering spaces, albeit digital ones. Such activities generally were not revenue-producing, as virtual content was typically offered free. But these activities did have the impact of filling the social void created by the pandemic. In this sense, theaters remained key community gathering spaces even when physically closed.

The response to COVID-19 is just the most recent example of a long tradition of resiliency. Several years ago, small theaters were required to digitize projection equipment required by the film industry in order to keep up with larger corporate theaters and continue to feature first-run films. Theater owners and operators exhibited their entrepreneurialism in the face of this challenge, offering creative programming and events that were unique to their communities and creating experiences unrivaled by a traditional movie-going outing. They also organized themselves to lobby the legislature to allow the sale of alcohol in their facilities in order to enhance user experience and expand their variety of programming to promote off-peak use.

There is also a long-standing history of State support for the Historic Theater grant program. In response to an economic

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downturn in the late 1980's the Legislature appropriated funding administered by DAHP to support the rehabilitation of historic theaters. This successful effort resulted in the revival of theater operations and programming at venues such as the Rose Theater in Port Townsend, the Ruby Theater in Chelan, and the Lincoln Theater in Mt. Vernon. All of these and other examples remain community magnets for movies, live performances, and programs that boost local economies as well as civic pride and social capital.

14. Reappropriation: if the project was originally funded prior to the 2021-23 biennium, describe the project and each subproject, including the original appropriation year, status of the project and an explanation why a reappropriation is needed. The agency is not seeking reappropriation of any program funds provided prior to the 2021-23 biennium.[CM4]

15. If the project is linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy provide an explanation of how the budget request relates to a salmon strategy action, is urgent in the coming biennium to advance salmon recovery, is aligned with a federally approved salmon recovery plan, and/or advances a known tribal priority.

This project is not linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy.

16. In the agency summary, include the statement, "Related to implementing the Governor's Salmon Strategy." See Chapter 14 in the 2025-27 operating budget instructions for more information.

This project is not linked to the Governor's Salmon Strategy.

**Location**

**City:** Statewide

**County:** Statewide

**Legislative District:** 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** Theater Owners

**RCW that establishes grant:** 27.34

**Application process used**

Yes, this would use the same criteria for evaluating projects as the current theater grant program. The criteria used for evaluating projects were developed by the agency and informed by our extensive experience managing similar grant programs such as the Heritage Barn, Historic Cemetery, and Historic County Courthouse rehabilitation grant programs. Eligible buildings must have been originally built as a theater, currently a theater operating within a historic building, or within a building planned to be restored as a theater. Buildings must either be listed in or eligible for listing in the Washington Heritage Register or the National Register of Historic Places. Evaluation criteria include the building's historic significance, urgency of the need for repairs, quality of proposed preservation work, public benefit, and equity & accessibility measures.

**Growth Management impacts**

Goal 13 of the Growth Management Act encourages the identification and preservation of historic places. This project directly supports this statewide goal in addition to local growth management goals on economic development, downtown revitalization, and sustainability. By rehabilitating and sustaining historic theaters, this grant program will not only boost employment and business activity but also enhance sales and payroll tax revenues for local and state coffers.

## Funding

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	515,000				515,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>515,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>515,000</b>



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		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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<b><u>Parameter</u></b>	<b><u>Entered As</u></b>	<b><u>Interpreted As</u></b>
Biennium	2025-27	2025-27
Agency	355	355
Version	CR-A	CR-A
Project Classification	*	All Project Classifications
Capital Project Number	*	All Project Numbers
Sort Order	Project Class	Project Class
Include Page Numbers	Y	Yes
For Word or Excel	N	N
User Group	Agency Budget	Agency Budget
User Id	*	All User Ids