

2026 Historic Preservation Grants Recommendations Summary

Background Summary: By providing matching funds on a competitive basis, the Historic Preservation Program supports projects that promote the public's access to county history. Funding is available for professional development, public education, and capital improvements or collections management. Money is awarded from recording fees collected by the Snohomish County Auditor. The allocation of these fees for projects that "promote historical preservation or historical programs, which may include preservation of historic documents" is authorized under RCW 36.22.170. The revenues accrue to a dedicated fund and may not be used for any purposes other than those stipulated in the RCW.

Summary: The commission met on February 17, 2026, to review 18 grant requests. Commissioners Fred Cruger, Cheri Ryan, Loren Kraetz, Jennifer Hushour and were present. There were \$157,889 in grant requests submitted for \$75,000 in grant funding. The Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission recommends grant funding to 13 out of the 18 grant projects reviewed.

CHP26-01

Project Applicant: City of Lynnwood

Project: Archiving Lynnwood History
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Project Budget: \$9,800

Amount Requested: \$4,900

Recommendation: \$4,900

The project will research and collect information and photos of events of historical value in Lynnwood.



CHP26-02

Project Applicant: City of Sultan for Sky Valley Historic
Society

Project: Digitization Continuation of local newspapers
from the early 1938 to 1940s or 1950s

Project Budget: \$36,000

Amount Requested: \$15,000

Recommendation: \$6,500 Partial funding recommended

This project will continue historic newspaper digitization of the "Sky Valley News" and "Sultan Star" and make them available to the public online. These newspapers date from the early 1900s to 1984.



CHP26-03

Project Applicant: Western Heritage Museum, Evergreen State Fairgrounds

Project: Water Tower Exhibit Rebuild for the Western Heritage Fair Museum

Project Budget: \$12, 942.59

Amount Requested: \$6,500

Recommendation: \$6,500 Full Funding Recommended

This funding is sought to rebuild a 17-year-old water tower living history exhibit at the Western Heritage Museum at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds. The hydraulic power exhibit as reached the of its working life and must be rebuilt to function as a public education exhibit.

**CHP26-04**

Project Applicant: Marysville Historical Society

Project Budget: \$15,000

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Recommendation: \$6,500 Partial Funding Recommended

The Marysville Historical Society is seeking funding to digitize twelve years of recently acquired Marysville Globe newspapers, dating from 1918 to 1934.

**CHP26-05**

Project Applicant: Snohomish County Historical Society

Project: Security Equipment for Blackman House

Project Budget: \$6,569

Amount Requested: \$6,569

Recommendation: No Funding Recommended-operational expenses not qualified for grant funding for grant funding

The project requests funding to install a security system in the Blackman House Museum, including fire alarms, motion sensors and coded entry.

**CHP26-06**

Project Applicant: Snohomish County Historical Society

Project: Storage for historic art pieces

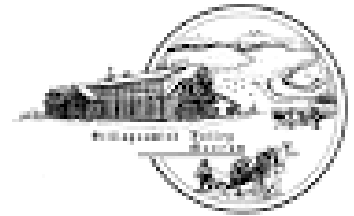
Project Budget: \$475.18

Amount Requested: \$475.18

Recommendation: \$475.00 Full Funding Recommended

The project requests funding to purchase and install a vertical art storage system that prevents damage, and improves organization, and allows safe handling of 100 historic art pieces that are currently not easily accessible



CHP-2025-07**Project Applicant: Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum****Project: 250th Anniversary of America
Snohomish County Video, 2nd Part: 1910 to
Modern Times****Budget: \$10,850****Amount Requested: \$10,850****Recommendation: \$10,850 Full Funding Recommended**

The Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum is seeking funding to produce the second part of a promotional video to celebrate Snohomish County history, Arlington area, for America's 250th Anniversary. This second video will cover 1910 to modern times.

CHP26-08**Project Applicant: Granite Falls Historical Museum
For Sno-Isle Library****Project: Continuation of Snohomish Tribune
Digitization****Project Budget: \$10,363.04****Amount Requested: \$9,863.04****Recommendation: \$6,500 Partial funding recommended**

This project is sponsored by Granite Falls Historical Society for Sno-Isle Libraries to continue digitization of the Snohomish Tribune newspaper, years 1950-1954. This will enable the public to access the newspaper through online sources.



**GRANITE FALLS
HISTORICAL MUSEUM**
"The Little Museum that Could!"

CHP26-09**Project Applicant: Lake Steven Historical Society
Project: Republish out of print historical The Story of a
Mother's Love****Project Budget: \$2,861.45****Amount Requested: \$1,491.45****Recommendation: \$1,492.00 Full Funding Recommended**

This project seeks to publish an out of print 1913 book, *The Story of a Mother's Love* and make it available to the public. This first-hand account chronicles the author's five-year journey as a fugitive after she "kidnapped" her own son to prevent him from being raised by her wealthy ex-husband. They flee from Ohio to Canada and eventually to the rugged wilderness of Lake Stevens, Washington, where they lived under assumed identities while being pursued by Pinkerton detectives.



CHP26-10**Project Applicant: Sky Valley Arts Council****Project: Founding Mother's Art Mural****Project Budget: \$30,758.12****Amount Requested: \$10000****Recommendation: No Funding Recommended**

This project will create a mural focusing on Louisa Nailor and other early women who were founding members of Sultan.

CHP26 11**Project Applicant: Downtown Everett Association****Project: Education Materials for Everett's Downtown Buildings and Streetscapes****Project Budget: \$15,000****Amount Requested: \$15,000****Recommendation: No Funding Recommended**

This project will produce research-based educational materials and a public-facing program that highlights the historical significance of Everett's downtown buildings and streetscapes.

CHP26-12**Project Applicant: Edmonds South Snohomish County Historical Society****Project: Museum Exhibit Upgrades****Project Budget: \$109,910****Amount Requested: \$7,783****Recommendation: \$7,783 Partial Funding Recommended**

The project seeks funds for revitalizing and rehabilitating ten (10) museum exhibits that have become uninteresting and outdated.

CHP26-13**Project Applicant: Sno-Isle Genealogical Society****Project: Continuation Newspaper Digitization of the Edmonds Tribune Review****Project Budget: \$9,720.74****Amount Requested: \$10,000****Recommendation: \$6,500 Partial Funding Recommended.**

This project will continue historic newspaper digitization focusing on the Edmonds Tribune Review 1935 to 1940.

CHP26-14**Project Applicant: Sauk-Suiattle Museum****Project: Pow Wow and Canoe Journey Public Events****Project Budget: \$97,000****Amount Requested: \$12,000****Recommendation: \$7,000 Partial funding recommended**

The funding will go to supplies for making regalia for canoe journey and pow wow

This is a public cultural event which helps the preservation and dissemination of Tribal history and culture.

**CHP26-15****Project Everett Firefighters Association****Project: Operational Maintenance for Historic Fire Engines****Project Budget: \$20,100****Amount Requested: \$13,000****Recommendation: \$0 No Funding Recommended- maintenance not eligible for grant**

Funding sought for brake replacements, transmission replacement, engine rebuilds to keep engines running for parades.



CHP26-16

Project Applicant: Stanwood Area Historical Society
Project: Revamp of Historical Exhibits in Floyd Norgaard
Budget: \$13,600

Amount Requested: \$4,000

Recommendation: \$4,000 Full Funding Recommended

The project requests funding to rehabilitate historic exhibits and exhibit space on the second and third floors of the Floyd Nordgaard building to update them and make them more publicly accessible.



CHP26-17

Project Applicant: HistoryLink
Project: Newspaper Digitization
Project Budget: \$19,725

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Recommendation: \$6,000 Full Funding Recommended

The 2025 "Snohomish County: Writing Our History Project" will publish 5 new articles on HistoryLink.org, building on past projects and increasing our coverage of Snohomish County history. All articles will be available online, at no cost to users, at HistoryLink.org.



CHP-2025-14

Project Applicant: Everett Museum
Project: Van Valley House Gutter Replacement
Project Budget: \$9,029.87

Amount Requested: \$8,029.87

Recommendation: \$ 0 No Funding Recommended-Routine Maintenance does not qualify for funding

Everett Museum proposes to replace the gutters on the Van Valley House



CHP-2025-15

Project Applicant: Everett Museum

Project: Security coverings for windows

Project Budget: \$7,509

Amount Requested: \$4,797

Recommendation: No Funding Recommended- operational expenses not qualified for grant funding



This project requests funding for security coverings for museum windows to prevent vandalism and breakage.

