Organization History
Here are some facts about The Foundation for Montana History (as of February 2023):

1984
Organization Founded as The Montana Historical Society Foundation

2001
Organization rebranded to The Montana History Foundation

2012
Organization begins grant funding program for history projects across Montana

2020
Organization reaches $1 million in total grant funds for Montana history projects

2022
Organization grants largest single season amount of $212,000 in funding to 28 MT history projects

2023
Organization rebrands to The Foundation for Montana History
To emphasize our unique role as the only foundation in Montana dedicated to raising money for history projects.

To modernize our website as a resource for grantees, partners, and the public.

To remind Montana that we exist to serve and support preservation efforts across the state.

While our name has changed, our mission remains the same.
The Foundation for Montana History is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity. We raise money and provide funding for history and preservation projects across Montana.

"We are humbled by the number of worthy projects seeking funds” says President/CEO Charlene Porsild. “It is an honor to support... community organizations working to preserve their history across Montana.”

With an eye on the future, the Foundation’s central goal is to generate public support to save the rich cultural heritage and historic resources of Montana. Our approach is both creative and personal — offering donors the opportunity to connect with and support unique projects of special interest to them and historical importance to Montana. The Foundation for Montana History gives supporters the chance to truly make a difference and in the process, become a part of history.

Where We Help

Buildings  Oral Histories  Cemeteries  Unique Stories to Montana History

The Foundation Mission
Testimonials

What a great opportunity the Foundation has given to organizations and groups to attend the Grant Writing Workshop. The information is pertinent and helpful for not only their grants but also applying for others too! Thanks [The Foundation]!

- Ti Shalene Stalnaker

This project has brought the community closer together and seems to have helped people feel like they participated in something special.

- Nine Mile Community Center, Stark School House Project, Missoula County

We really love that foundation [The Foundation] because it really gets right to the core of what the museum is all about, and that is preserving history. They understand what small museums struggle with.

- Tamar Stanley, Director, Ravalli County Museum

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