# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

History Colorado creates a better future for Colorado by inspiring wonder in our past

# HISTORY COLORADO





History Colorado turned 141 in 2020. And as we collectively endure this historic pandemic, we're especially mindful of the incredible legacy of our organization. History Colorado has already been around long enough to survive the Panic of 1893, a 1918 epidemic, two World Wars, and the Great Depression.

As we reflect on our organizational history and the history of Colorado, we can't help but be inspired by the resilience of our predecessors in times of struggle. We're happy to report that we carry on this tradition. Despite these uncertain times, History Colorado is fortified by a strong team—from our persistent and dedicated Board of Directors to our passionate and nimble staff. We've collectively worked hard to ensure that History Colorado remains a mission-centered cultural cornerstone that will serve our state for many more decades to come.

We know that the study and understanding of history is necessary to humanity. Civic engagement, museums, and cultural experiences are important ingredients of a functioning society. These elements are even more consequential in times of crisis. Though our museums had to close temporarily and cancel in-person events, we met the moment by taking our educational programs, collecting efforts, exhibitions, and historical content straight into people's homes.

We've maintained and extended the most effective means of reaching out to Colorado—and well beyond its borders—with the new kinds of engagement that people have come to expect, and that enrich their lives and perspectives.

We're so grateful to our supporters, members, volunteers, and audiences who've stood with us. And we want to hear how you'd like to help us move forward.

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Steve W. Turner, AIA Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer

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On the cover: What's Your Story? at the History Colorado Center makes our state's history relevant to youth, inspiring them to make an impact in their communities.

# **Exhibitions**

# A Legacy of Healing: Jewish Leadership in Colorado's Health Care

History Colorado Center Rose Medical Center, Chai Presenting Sponsor; National Jewish Health, Mitzvah Sponsor; Dick and Eddie Robinson, Osher Sponsor; Rose Community Foundation, Education Sponsor

#### Beer Here! Brewing the New West

History Colorado Center Generously supported by lead sponsors Ball Corporation and Coors Brewing Company

Bold Women. Change History. Center for Colorado Women's History

Borderlands of Southern Colorado: Remedios, Medicine and Health Trinidad History Museum

Forty Years on the 'Fax: Colfax Avenue, 1926–1966 History Colorado Center

Frontiers of Fortune: Economic Booms and the Peopling of the South Platte Valley, 1840–2020 and Beyond Fort Vasquez Museum

**Game Changers: 100 Years of Negro League Baseball** History Colorado Center

**The Museum of Memory** El Pueblo History Museum

What's Your Story? History Colorado Center Generously supported by CiviCO

### July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020 Total Engagement



in our programs and visits to our museums and historic sites

#### HistoryColorado.org/museums

# July 1, 2019– June 30, 2020

Hands-On History @ Home

2,000 children

### Virtual Field Trips

more than 2,900 schoolkids

### **Adult Education**



(Up by more than 25,000 over last year)



# **Volunteers Help Tell Colorado's Story**

The Volunteers of History Colorado are a dedicated group who bring Colorado's history to life—whether it's greeting visitors at our museums, working behind the scenes, or inspiring schoolkids to explore our state's past.

# In 2019–20: **1,060** volunteers

33,286 volunteer hours \$932,659 economic impact

Online transcribing of women's suffrage documents

177 volunteers

1,302 hours



### 2019-20 History Colorado Volunteer Council

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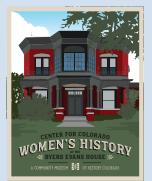
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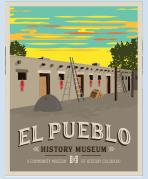
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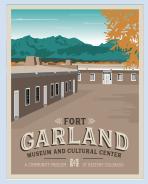


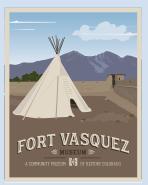
History Colorado has joined a prestigious group of nonprofits committed to delivering on their missions by strategically engaging volunteer time and talent.

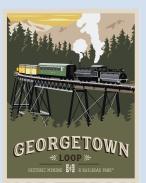
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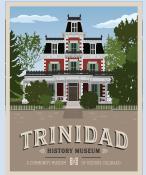
















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## **The State Historical Fund**

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(July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020)	

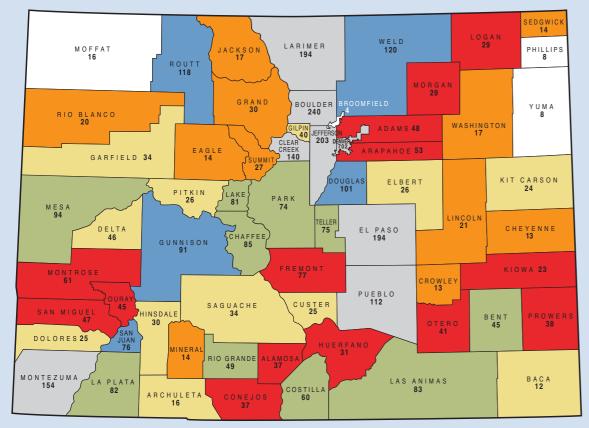
Grants awarded since | 4,743 program's inception

Thank you, citizens of Colorado, for your support of the State Historical Fund.

#### More than \$2.2 billion Total Economic Impact of those grants statewide since 1991

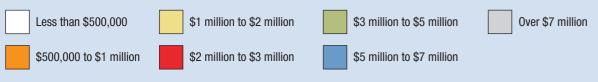
Every year, the State Historical Fund receives a portion of state tax revenues generated by limited-stakes gaming in the towns of Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. For 27 years, the fund has been one of the most significant forces behind the preservation of Colorado history and a catalyst for strengthening communities statewide.

h-co.org/SHFgrants



### Total Grant Dollars Awarded by County Since Program's Inception

Number of grants awarded indicated by numbers on the map. Projects affecting multiple counties are not shown.



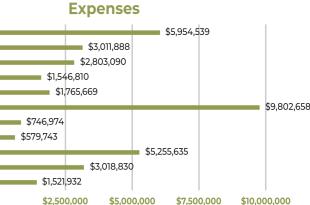
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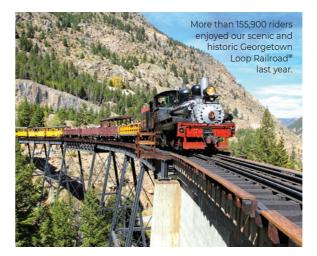
#### Revenues



For a more detailed financial summary, go to h-co.org/2020financial

History Colorado Center Museum Operations Community Museum Operations Facilities & Central Administration Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation State Historical Fund Operations State Historical Fund Grants Development, Membership & Foundation Capital Construction Gaming Cities Distribution Certificates of Participation Other Operating Expenses









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# History in the Making

Inclusive, values-driven, and intentional, History Colorado responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with an agile reorganization during a months-long closure of its eight museums. To capture this historic moment we launched our **collecting initiative**. one of the nation's most comprehensive. Anyone can share their story (in English or Spanish), create and share a journal, leave a voicemail. submit photos and videos, or donate objects, all with an eye toward preserving for posterity the challenges and hopes of our time. The Colorado Media Project. a collaborative of 40 news outlets, is boosting the effort around the state; in exchange, journalists have access to the resources we collect.

Prior to the pandemic, our Bold Women. Change History. initiative brought renowned speakers to the History Colorado Center, a Smithsonian affiliate in the heart of Denver. In tandem, and as the pandemic set in, a corps of volunteers-from the safety of their homes—transcribed 550 suffrage-related documents in our collection. The effort has created new resources for the public to access in discovering Colorado's role in the suffrage movement.





We released new episodes of our award-winning podcast Lost Highways: Dispatches from the Shadows of the Rocky Mountains, including a timely bonus episode on the 1918 flu epidemic. In addition to this flagship podcast, **COauthored** features oral histories including a Greeley man's recollections from 1918, and **UnPacked** shares recordings of our nationally recognized lecture speakers such as those who headlined our **Borderlands of** Southern Colorado series.

With so many people isolated at home, we launched a weekly digest to share insightful resources from us and our friends, all with a dose of cheer. It's welcomed into more than 26.000 inboxes.

# **Empowering Through Education**

We transformed lectures and programs into digital experiences that people enjoyed safely from home-in the process reaching new audiences across the country.

We transformed our **Beyond Storytime** program from El Pueblo History Museum into a digital experience for preschool-age kids at home. English- and Spanish-language storytimes included stories, songs, and conversation.

Hands-On History is our popular education program designed to meet the needs of working families when kids aren't in school. We quickly moved this program to the digital realm-offering daily workshops for kids learning from home. Our Hands-On History at Morey Middle School, Bridging Borders for Young Men of Color at South Middle School in Aurora, and Antonito Youth Memory Project at Antonito High School all moved to a digital learning space as well, enabling teens to keep connected and supported.

# Meeting Needs Across Colorado

While working from home, our State Historical Fund staff distributed more than \$1 million in grant funding to community projects across the state in an expedited spring grant round. These investments in Colorado's communities were a welcome boost to local economies at a time of great economic challenge due to the pandemic. A new series of **archaeology and preservation webinars** grew in recognition and impact, guickly reaching hundreds of viewers with every session.

We've found other ways to do our part as well. Our El Pueblo History Museum collected donated supplies for community elders in collaboration with local organizations; our Fort Garland Museum became a Community Access Site for San Luis Valley college students in need of digital connection to online classes; and our curatorial and archaeology teams donated masks and gloves for the medical effort. And, we've rolled out a new **History Buffs** program, enabling every fourth grader in Colorado to claim a free membership along with the myriad benefits that bring both education and funincluding a ticket to ride the scenic and historic Georgetown Loop Railroad.

## **Our Collections**

**Total historical items** • 2 million photographs about 200.000 artifacts 15 million 12 million archival documents

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#### "Your programs are just wonderful. It has helped me get through these difficult times we are all going through."

—Dennis Knowles, member and Borderlands Lecture Series attendee

"History Colorado created new online channels for youth and adult education ... and fast-tracked episodes of its podcasts.... It redeployed guest services staff to support other departments, mobilized the philanthropy department in response to the federal CARES Act, and converted the Stephen H. Hart Research Center and Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation into remote operations."

—The Denver Post

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