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July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020
Hands-On History Days
2,000 children

Virtual Field Trips
2,900 to 639 sites

Adult Education
48,398 (by June Rank: 33,286 over last year)

Support Our Mission!

With your support, History Colorado can live up to its full, statewide potential. Please donate today to help us preserve and share our state’s history relevant to youth, inspiring them to our state’s past.

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History Colorado Board of Directors and Leadership
As of June 30, 2020

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Cathey M. Finlon

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Christopher Tetzeli

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WHAT’S YOUR STORY?
What’s Your Story? at the History Colorado Center makes a 1918 epidemic, two World Wars, and the Great Depression.

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Exhibitions

History Colorado invites you to explore the dynamics of life and culture in Colorado, both then and now. Our exhibitions vividly tell the stories of people past and present. These stories inform us of the challenges our ancestors faced and how they rose to meet them. In this way, we hope to inspire you to join in preserving our past and building our future.

July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020
Hands-On History de Vincie Laws
2,000 children

Virtual Field Trips
2,900 to 4,000 kids

Adult Education
48,398 adults

Total Engagement
454,135 people

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GiveHC.org and thank you for your support!

Hands-On History connects students of all ages to the history of Colorado through our educational programs, bringing the past to life and engaging students in hands-on learning experiences. These programs are not only educational but fun and interactive, immersing students in the stories of Colorado and inspiring the next generation of historians.

Hands-On History engages students and educators in the history of Colorado through a variety of programs, including field trips, workshops, and other educational experiences. Our goal is to provide a hands-on, engaging learning experience that helps students understand the significance of Colorado's history and how it impacts our lives today.

Hands-On History promotes a love of learning and a commitment to the future of Colorado by inspiring students to be active and engaged citizens. We believe that History Colorado is an important resource for students and educators, providing them with the tools and knowledge they need to understand and appreciate the rich history of Colorado.

Hands-On History programs are designed to be interactive and engaging, providing students with hands-on experiences that bring the past to life. These programs are tailored to meet the needs of students at all levels, from elementary school through college.

Hands-On History programs are supported by generous donations from our supporters, including the Colorado Council on the Arts and Humanities, the Colorado Cultural Affairs Department, and the Rocky Mountain Foundation.

History Colorado is committed to ensuring that all students have access to engaging and educational programs, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status. We strive to make our programs accessible to all students, offering scholarships and other financial assistance to those in need.

History Colorado is proud to be a leader in the fields of education and history. We believe that education is the key to a brighter future, and we are committed to providing students with the tools they need to succeed.

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In 2019–20, History Colorado's 1,060 volunteers provided nearly $932,689 in volunteer time and talent.

We are Colorado.

Exhibitions

A Legacy of Sharing Southern Colorado History: The Museum of the Southwest, Fort Stockton, Texas

Frontiers of Fortune: Economic Booms and Busts, 1826–1966

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

Beer Here! Brewing the New West

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History Colorado Center


Hands-On History: 2,000 students

Virtual Field Trips: 2,900 to past and place

History Museum

History Colorado Center

Annual Report 2020

Total Engagement: 454,135 in our programs and visits to our museums and historic sites.

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Hands-On History: 2,000 students

Virtual Field Trips: 2,900 to past and place

Adult Education: 48,398 (52% by home mail, 2,900 from F3D, 39,628 in person)

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History Colorado’s accomplishments included:

- An increase in total engagement to 454,135, driven by virtual programs.
- The virtual field trip program reached 2,900 visitors, up by more than 1,000 visitors.
- Adult education courses were a success, with 48,398 participants.

In 2019–20, History Colorado had 33,285 volunteers, and we are grateful for their support.

History Colorado is a legacy of healing, Jewish leadership in Colorado, and a cultural cornerstone that will serve our state for generations to come.

Support Our Mission! GiveHC.org and thank you for helping us preserve and share Colorado’s rich history.

July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020
Total Engagement
2,900
2,900
48,398
454,135
Hands-On History at Museums
Virtual Field Trips
Adult Education
in our programs and services to our museums and Western sites.

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Exhibitions
A Legacy of Healing: Social Leadership in Colorado’s History...

Virtual Field Trips
The Denver Museum of Nature and Science
The Rocky Mountain Museum of Western History
The History Colorado Center

Adult Education
A Legacy of Healing: Social Leadership in Colorado’s History, July 1–June 30, 2020

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**History in the Making**

At History Colorado, our mission is to discover, preserve, and share the history of the state, and our vision is to be a top-tier history museum for the 21st century. History Colorado is a Smithsonian affiliate in the heart of Denver. In tandem, and as the catalyst for strengthening communities statewide.

With so many people isolated at home, we launched a series of free membership along with the myriad benefits that bring both education and fun—History Buffs, a weekly series of National Geographic articles, including a ticket to ride the scenic and historic Georgetown Loop Railroad. We've found other ways to do our part as well. Our El Pueblo History Museum collected resources from us and our friends, all with a dose of cheer. It's welcomed into more than 200,000 inboxes.

One of the many ways History Colorado connected with citizens of the state was through its podcasts. We released new episodes of our award-winning podcast History in the Making, including a Greeley man's recollections from 1918, and shares recordings of our features oral histories from the Shadows of the Rocky Mountains, including a timely bonus episode on the experience of our front-line healthcare heroes. We published our Fort Garland Museum became a new series on Borderlands of the Americas. We've found other ways to do our part as well. Our El Pueblo History Museum collected resources from us and our friends, all with a dose of cheer. It's welcomed into more than 200,000 inboxes. More than 350,000 goods were distributed to families and individuals in need of digital connection to online classes; and our curatorial and education teams donated masks and gloves for the medical effort. And, we've rolled the program from El Pueblo History Museum into the Hands-On History, a favorite with kids learning from home.

Empowering Through Education

While working from home, our State Historical Fund staff developed lesson plans for San Luis Valley families—offering daily workshops for kids learning from home. Our hands-on history podcast focused on engaging kids from around the state with daily workshops for kids learning from home. Our hands-on history podcast featured a variety of topics, including a Greeley man’s recollections from 1918, and shared recordings of our features oral histories from the Shadows of the Rocky Mountains, including a timely bonus episode on the experience of our Frontline Medical Workers. We released new episodes of our award-winning podcast History in the Making.

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Thank you, history lovers, for your support of the State Historical Fund.
The State Historical Fund

Grants awarded statewide: 129
July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020

Financial Summary
July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020

History in the Making

Total Economic Impact of those grants statewide since 1991

More than $3.2 billion

Total Economic Impact

We received a portion of the revenue generated by the town's limited-stakes gaming activities. Those funds were then allocated to communities throughout the state as grants to support historic preservation, archaeology, and cultural heritage programs.

Less than $500,000

Projects affecting multiple counties are not shown.

The towns of Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek.

Empowering Through Education

Inclusive, values-driven, and intentional, History Colorado

Total Historical Items:

9 million photographs

15 million documents

2 million photographs

12 million archival documents

History in the Making

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

We have 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; for San Luis Valley economies at a time of great economic challenge due to the pandemic. A new series of 75+ ... for San Luis Valley 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, quickly reaching hundreds of viewers with every session.

Our Collections

Total Historical Items: 15 million

1 million photographs

$1 million in grant funding to community projects across the state in an expedited spring

While working from home, our staff distributed more than 500,000 free postcards, more than 7,000 kits to young history enthusiasts, and more than 12,000 booklets to families and educators. In addition, through Hands-On History, a digital experience for preschool-age kids at home.

Thank you! To Our Most Dedicated Members

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Exhibitions
A Legacy of Driving Social Justice in Colorado

July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020
Hands-On History de Vere

2,000 students

Virtual Field Trips

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Adult Education

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"History Colorado created new online elements for youth and adult education, created a new virtual field trip program, and fast-tracked episodes of its Borderlands Lecture Series attendee loop —Dennis Knowles, member and State Historian's Council Chair, Board of Directors

"History Colorado turned 141 in 2020. And as we collectively endure this historic pandemic, we're inspired by the resilience of our predecessors in the history of Colorado, we can't help but be amazed at the future of our state and that everyone has an important role to play in that moment by taking our educational programs, exhibitions, and our collections into new places and times. Though our museums had to close temporarily and cancel in-person events, we met these elements are even more consequential in times of struggle. We're happy to report that we inspired by the resilience of our predecessors in the history of Colorado, we can't help but be amazed at the future of our state and that everyone has an important role to play in that moment by taking our educational programs, exhibitions, and our collections into new places and times. Though our museums had to close temporarily and cancel in-person events, we met these times of crisis. Though our museums had to close temporarily and cancel in-person events, we met these times of struggle. We're happy to report that we

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As we reflect on our organizational history and preservation officer’s work together with our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and audiences who've stood with us.

"History Colorado can live up to its full, statewide potential. And we want to hear how you'd like to help us make an impact in our communities.

"We know that the study and understanding of our state's history is about more than collecting efforts, exhibitions, and historical preservation officer’s work together with our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and audiences who've stood with us. It's about learning and informing our state's history relevant to youth, inspiring them to learn and inform our state's history relevant to youth, inspiring them to understand their place in it, and that enrich their lives and perspectives. It's about creating a better future.

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Society 1879 recognizes those who include History Colorado in their estate plans. These gifts help preserve Colorado’s historical treasures for future generations. A well-planned gift can support the organization’s future while helping families achieve financial goals such as lowering their tax liability.

**Colorado! Members**

Colorado! membership engages givers in the long-term vision of History Colorado while deepening their connection to Colorado’s past, present, and future. Colorado! members receive invitations to exclusive events to meet leading historians and thought leaders and enjoy unparalleled access to History Colorado’s collections and programs.

**Support = Success**

The following have supported us through their generous donations and memberships. (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020)

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- Anonymous
- The Anschutz Foundation
- Marilyn Brown
- CivlCo
- Colorado State University
- Gill Foundation
- Sturm Family Foundation
- Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation

**$20,000–$99,999**
- Aurora Public Schools
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**$10,000–$19,999**
- Mary Lyn & Richard Ballantine
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**$5,000–$9,999**
- AARP
- Bank of America
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- Metro Regional Council
- Harmes C. Fishback Foundation Trust
- Friends of Historical Trinidad Inc.
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- Robinson Management LLC
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**$1,000–$4,999**
- Christine & David Abell
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Julianne & Steve Fritz
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Joan & Lester Garrison
Sally & Alan Gass
Sissy Gibson
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Carole & Jim McCotter
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Linda & Pepe Mendez
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