Montana Commerce Department
Tourism Infrastructure Improvement Program & Grant Award Summary
(Updated March 2010)

The Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (TIIP) invests a portion of the Montana Office of Tourism's state lodging tax funding into new tourism-related infrastructure products, the enhancement of existing tourism facilities, and the preservation of Montana's historical and cultural treasures.

Since its creation in 1995, TIIP has invested over $3.3 million in "bed tax" funds into 75 projects in 42 communities across Montana. This investment has helped created over $40 million in new or improved tourism facilities in Montana.

The primary goal of this program is to create or improve attractions and services that will entice visitors to spend more time and money in Montana's communities. The program also aims at helping communities and organizations improve the quality of life for Montanans.

Non-profit sponsors or communities are eligible to apply for TIIP funds. The funds are awarded on an annual basis through a competitive application process. Sponsors are required to invest $1 for every $2 in TIIP Grant funds received for their project. The minimum TIIP grant is $20,000. In 2010, the Montana Office of Tourism is planning to provide at least $300,000 in TIIP grant funds.

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1995-2009 TIIP GRANT AWARD SUMMARY
(75 Awards, 42 Montana Communities)

2009 Grant Awards: $289,676

$66,667	Hill County's Buffalo Jump Preservation Project at the Wahkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Jump Site, Havre.
$60,000	River & Plains Society Inc.'s reconstruction of the Bourgeois House at Old Fort Benton, Fort Benton.
$50,000	Wolf Point Area Historical Society's Museum Relocation Project, Wolf Point
$50,000	Historical Museum at Fort Missoula's replacement of a boiler at the historic Post Headquarters building, Missoula.
$34,100	Powell County Museum & Arts Foundation's Milwaukee Railroad Exhibit & Museum , Deer Lodge.
$29,000	Western Heritage Center's replacement of an old boiler and installation of humidity control equipment, Billings.

2008 Grant Awards: $300,000

$67,270	Museum of the Rockies, design, construction and installation of Explore Yellowstone: Children's Discovery Center, Bozeman
$25,190	International Choral Festival, inflatable sound shell, risers and transport trailer, Missoula
$63,770	Helena Presents/Myrna Loy Center, exterior and interior facility upgrades, signage and public art, Helena
$67,270	Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, design and construction of new River Valley Wolf Habitat exhibit, West Yellowstone
$46,500	Yellowstone Art Museum, Montana's first publicly accessible-interpreted permanent art collection storage facility, Billings
$30,000	Rialto Community Theatre, Inc., installation of an elevator and carpeting, Deer Lodge

2007 Grant Awards: $286,227

$50,000	Blaine County Wildlife Museum/Blaine County Museum, Wildlife Museum Moose-Grizzly Encounter Diorama, Chinook
$50,000	Friends of the Hobson Library, Museum Project, Hobson
$50,000	Judith River Foundation, Inc, The Great Plains Dinosaur

	Center, Malta
$20,000	Musselshell Valley Historical Museum, Roofing Project, Roundup
$30,000	Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Chamber of Commerce, Shoofly Historical Center, Cooke City
$66,227	The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, Powwow Grounds Renovation, Box Elder
$20,000	Fort Belknap Indian Community Council, Horse Capture Community Park and Tourism Center Renovation & Improvements, Fort Belknap Agency

2006 Grant Awards: $200,000

64,322	Charlie Russell Chew Choo Tour Train, Train Car Upgrade, Lewistown
$27,000	Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, John Dowdall Theatre Renovation, Polson
$20,693	Friends of the Pioneer Museum, Building Energy Efficiency Upgrade, Glasgow
$27,985	Culbertson Museum Club, Inc., Exhibit/Event Building, Culbertson
$20,000	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, New Touring Van, Bozeman/Statewide
$20,000	HiLine Youth Hockey Assoc., Valley Event Center, Glasgow
$20,000	Judith Basin County, Utica Community Center, Utica

2005 Grant Awards: $200,000

$41,400	Conrad Mansion, Electrical Upgrade, Kalispell
$50,000	Holter Museum of Art, Roof Renovation/Fire Suppression system, Helena
$38,600	Makoshika Dinosaur Museum, Exhibit Expansion/Fire Suppression system, Glendive
$20,000	Meagher County Historical Association, Window Restoration at Castle Museum, White Sulphur Springs
$50,000	Missoula Art Museum, Grand Foyer of Renaissance, Renewal and Renovation Campaign, Missoula

2004 Grant Awards: $200,000

$48,360	Custer County Art & Heritage Center, Pump House

Renovation, Miles City

$109,740 HiLine Youth Hockey Association, Inc., Valley Event Center, Glasgow

$20,500 Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery, Roof & Siding Project, Chester

$21,400 Pondera History Association, Pondera County Museum, Conrad

2003 Grant Awards: $200,000

$25,000 Beartooth Nature Center, Wildlife Access Project, Red Lodge

$50,000 Great Falls Baseball Foundation, Inc., Legion Park Improvements, Great Falls

$69,000 Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, "Bears: Imagination & Reality" Exhibit Building and Installation, West Yellowstone

$20,000 International Wildlife Film Festival & Media Center, Full Public Access Facility Project, Missoula

$36,000 Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, John Dowdall Theater Safety & Access Project, Polson

2002 Grant Awards: $150,000

$50,000 Conrad Mansion Directors, Inc, Conrad Mansion roof replacement, Kalispell

$29,000 Childrens' Museum of Montana, Interior and Accessibility Improvements, Great Falls

$50,000 Livingston Depot Foundation, Livingston Depot Center Structural Repair and Roof Replacement, Livingston

$21,000 Phillips County Historical Society, Robinson House Landscape Project, Malta

2001 Grant Awards: $150,000

$30,000 Northwest Montana Historical Society/Central School Museum – Timber Products Industry History Exhibit, Kalispell

$43,415 Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture – Completing main museum facility construction and improvements, Huntley Project

$76,585 Richland Youth Hockey, Inc. – completing construction of an community and regional event center, Sidney

2000 Grant Awards: $150,000

$50,000	Daly Mansion Preservation Trust – Daly Mansion Restoration Project, Hamilton
$30,000	Miracle of America Museum, Inc. – Museum Building Improvements, Polson
$30,000	World Museum of Mining – The Orphan Girl Underground Exhibit, Butte
$20,000	Friends of Makoshika – Makoshika Group Picnic Shelter, Glendive
$20,000	Hill County H. Earl Clack Museum, Wahkpa Chu'gn Archeological Site Improvements, Havre

1999 Grant Awards: $200,000

$73,677	Rialto Community Theatre, Inc. -- Rialto Theatre Infrastructure Improvements, Deer Lodge
$61,600	Blaine County Wildlife Museum/Blaine County Museum -- Wildlife Museum Building Improvements, Chinook
$24,000	Billings Preservation Society, Inc./Moss Mansion -- Carriage House Reconstruction, Billings
$20, 361.50	Twin Bridges Historical Association -The Reid Building Renovation Museum & Archival Library, Twin Bridges
$20,361.50	Friends of Savenac -- Historic Savenac Nursery Infrastructure Restoration, Haugan

1998 Grant Awards: $150,000

$56,105	Cascade County Historical Society-High Plains West Heritage Museum and Archives, Great Falls
$48,850	Makoshika State Park Amphitheater Renovation, Friends of Makoshika, Glendive
$45,000	Old Montana Prison 1912 Cell House Roof Replacement, Deer Lodge

1997 Grant Awards: $199,160

$55,000	Seeley/Swan Historical Museum and Visitor's Center, Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce, Seeley Lake
$44,026	Peaks to Plains Museum, Carbon County Historical Society, Red Lodge
$38,435	Reconstruction of Historic Fort Benton, Fort Benton

	Restoration Committee, Fort Benton
$37,000	ZooMontana: Plains Habitat Display - Initial Phase, Billings
$24,699	Old Trail Museum -- Exhibit Upgrade, Completion and Infrastructure Stabilization, Choteau

1996 Grant Awards: $350,000

$95,500	Fort Peck Theater - Electrical System Upgrade, Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, Inc, Fort Peck
$66,968	Montana Wildlife Rehabilitation Center & Nature Park, Mikal Kellner Foundation for Animals, Helena
$60,000	Restoration of Virginia City's Hangmans Building, Virginia City Preservation Alliance, Virginia City
$50,000	Yellowstone Art Museum - Expansion and Renovation, Billings.
$47,532	Chief Plenty Coups House Interior Stabilization, Friends of Chief Plenty Coups, Pryor.
$30,000	Charlie Russell Chew Choo Tour Train - Facility Improvements, Lewistown Chamber of Commerce

1995 Grant Awards: $320,000

$200,000	Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, Great Falls
$50,000	New Phillips County Museum Facility, Phillips County Historical Society, Malta
$50,000	Mission Center visitor facility, St. Mary's Mission, Stevensville
$20,000	Recovery/Restoration Indian Pictographs at Pictograph Caves State Park, Yellowstone Western Heritage Center, Billings

Total TIIP Grant Awards: $3,344,004

Total TIIP Project Costs: $40,242,378