



Cover: Leadville, c. 1900

Photos on next page from left: Rainbow Bridge, Fort Morgan; project at St. Joeseph's Catholic Church, Denver; 1212 Pearl Street, Boulder; Georgetown rockfall mitigation project.

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PRESERVATION PROGRAMS









WHAT ARE THE HISTORY COLORADO PRESERVATION PROGRAMS?

By mandate of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, every state must maintain a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) headed by a designated State Historic Preservation Officer (also known as the SHPO) to monitor the treatment of historic resources, administer preservation programs, and uphold historic preservation laws. In Colorado, this office is called the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

In 1990 Colorado voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow limited-stakes gaming in the mountain towns of Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. A portion of the gaming tax revenue is set aside to be distributed through grants to nonprofit organizations and public entities for historic preservation projects. This grant program is called the State Historical Fund.

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THE POWER OF HERITAGE AND PLACE

A 2020 Action Plan to Advance Preservation in Colorado

This plan seeks to motivate and empower Coloradans to value heritage and historic places by enhancing opportunities to demonstrate the myriad benefits of sharing and preserving the stories therein embodied. The Action Agenda is organized around six goals devised to guide local, regional, and statewide preservation efforts through 2020.

https://www.historycolorado.org/state-preservation-plan

Goal A: Preserving the Places that Matter

The ongoing identification, documentation, evaluation, protection, and interpretation of Colorado's irreplaceable historic and cultural resources.

Goal B: Strengthening and Connecting the Colorado Preservation Network

The building of the capacity of preservation partners and networks statewide to nurture local leaders and leverage assets.

Goal C: Shaping the Preservation Message

The promotion and messaging of historic preservation's mission and vision to all citizens.

Goal D: Publicizing the Benefits of Preservation

The documenting and sharing of the benefits of historic preservation.

Goal E: Weaving Preservation Throughout Education

The education of students and citizens of all ages about their shared heritage.

Goal F: Advancing Preservation Practices

The provision of historic preservation technical outreach to assist in defining, describing, and preserving Colorado's historic and cultural resources.

OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

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The Office of the State Archaeologist investigates potential effects to archaeological resources and responds to requests for technical and administrative assistance. Staff provides guidance on identification, documentation, and protection of archaeological resources and issues permits for archaeological and paleontological work on non-federal or non-tribal lands.

Under state law, the State Archaeologist responds to the discovery of unmarked human graves. Staff works with citizens to resolve potentially conflicting concerns among development, scientific research, and respectful treatment.

https://www.historycolorado.org/office-state-archaeologist



Shavano Valley Rock Art, Montrose County



PAAC site mapping project, Pawnee Buttes, Weld County

PROGRAM FOR AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CERTIFICATION

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The Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) introduces interested citizens to archaeological field and laboratory methods, including artifact identification. Classes cover site documentation and report preparation of Colorado's cultural resources with an emphasis on responsible stewardship.

Evening and weekend classes are offered across the state based on a schedule designed to meet local requests. Classes are taught by the Assistant State Archaeologist, and proficiency certification is available upon successful completion of a program.

https://www.historycolorado.org/paac

INVENTORY OF CULTURAL RESOURCES

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Approximately eight percent of Colorado has been surveyed, totalling more than 226,000 cultural resources that include historic homes, commercial districts, archaeological sites, and more. This information has been collected during the last 75 years and represents extensive field, laboratory, and archival research by a wide variety of government agencies, local initiatives, educational institutions, preservation organizations, and the general public. The more than 48,000 documents available in our inventory give testament to these activities.

Original forms and documents are stored at OAHP and may be available to the public upon request. Learn more here: https://www.historycolorado.org/survey-inventory

COMPASS

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Compass, Colorado's online cultural resource database, provides web access to data about sites and documents. Compass allows the user to perform searches on more than 226,000 archaeological and architectural resources, as well as 35,000 survey reports, based on numerous criteria including location, building characteristics, artifacts, dates, and management recommendations.

Information concerning access and fees is available on the OAHP website: https://gis.colorado.gov/compass

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM PROGRAM

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The Colorado Cultural Resource Geographic Information System (GIS) Program was initiated in 1999 to provide site and survey location information as digital overlays to US Geological Survey topography maps. These detailed and up-to-date themes provide invaluable information to contractors, planners, researchers, and students. Funding for this program is made possible through grants from the US Bureau of Land Management, the US Bureau of Reclamation, and the Colorado Departmentof Transportation.

OAHP staff maintains these GIS themes, and they are available to qualified individuals, organizations, and agencies.

https://www.historycolorado.org/gis-information



OAHP Google Earth mapping project

STATE APPROVED MUSEUM PROGRAM

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According to the Historical, Prehistorical, and Archaeological Resources Act of 1973 (as amended 1990; C.R.S. 24-80-401ff), the State of Colorado claims title to all artifacts and specimens recovered from State, county, city, town, district, or other political subdivision of State lands. Most State artifacts and fossil collections are held in trust as part of a collaborative partnership with county and local museums or curatorial repositories to ensure long-term preservation and interpretation of these items. These institutions help to preserve, interpret and promote the natural and cultural inheritance of humanity in Colorado and work in close collaboration with the communities from which their collections originate as well as those they serve. These collections are managed consistent with the standards stipulated in the Rules and Procedures of Section 9 of 8 CCR 1504-7. Those holding archaeological or paleontological collecting permits are required to facilitate the curation of recovered artifacts and specimens with the approved museum, curatorial repository, or an on-site repository.

https://www.historycolorado.org/repository-information



HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

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Through field observation, photography, mapping, and research, the historical and architectural survey program documents historic resources across Colorado. Survey documents are accessible through Compass.

Survey is considered the first step in the preservation process, and it serves as the basis for preservation planning. Information gathered through survey is used as a starting point for National and State Register nominations, contextual studies, and interpretive materials.

Grant money is available for survey through both SHF and CLG programs. OAHP staff can provide guidance to anyone interested in a survey project.

https://www.historycolorado.org/preservation-planning-unit-resource-center



Skyline Park, Denver

PRESERVATION TECHNICAL OUTREACH

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The Preservation Technical Outreach Unit serves to empower grassroots preservation efforts through technical preservation support, information about available resources, and assistance with the implementation of local preservation policy.

Staff are available to assist at every stage of a preservation project—from "Where do I start?" to more complex technical preservation guidance.

https://www.historycolorado.org/preserve

NATIONAL REGISTER AND STATE REGISTER

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Victor Town Hall

OAHP assists property owners with listing Colorado's historically and architecturally significant buildings, structures, and sites in the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. Colorado currently has more than 1,600 listings in the National Register and more than 2,100 listings in the State Register.

Although OAHP strongly encourages the preservation of National and State Register properties, listing offers no automatic protection. Private owners

of National and State Register properties using private funds are free to alter or demolish these properties, subject to local building regulations. Projects involving federal or state agency actions or funding are reviewed by OAHP with the goal of preserving historic resources whenever possible.

OAHP staff is available to assist with the initial assessments of eligibility and to provide guidance for the completion of register nominations.

https://historycolorado.org/national-state-registers

Properties listed in the National or State Register may be eligible for tax credits on approved rehabilitation projects. Listed properties are also eligible to compete for grants from the State Historical Fund.



St. James Episcopal Church, Lake City, CLG grant recipient

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program seeks to encourage and expand local involvement in historic preservation activities through a partnership between local governments, the SHPO, and the National Park Service (NPS).

CLGs are communities that place a strong local policy emphasis on historic preservation. Once certified, they are eligible to apply for an exclusive pool of grant funds, can extend preservation tax incentives to locally designated properties, and may participate in special preservation workshops and training opportunities.

Program staff are available to assist local governments interested in becoming a CLG and to provide direct technical assistance and preservation support to existing CLGs.

https://historycolorado.org/certified-local-governments

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES: SECTION 106 REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

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When a federal agency funds, licenses, or permits an activity that may affect cultural resources, the agency must first consult the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Likewise, state agencies must consult the SHPO to determine whether their activities involve properties nominated to or listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Properties.

Staff assists federal and state agencies and their applicants in carrying out these responsibilities. This process involves a series of steps that include:

- Evaluating the eligibility of the cultural resource
- Determining the effects of proposed work on eligible, nominated, or listed properties
- Seeking alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate effects to such properties

https://historycolorado.org/section-106-state-register-act-review-and-compliance



Rebuilding rock wall, Trail Ridge Road

PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES

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Federal and state tax laws provide incentives for historic preservation projects that follow *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. The federal government offers a 20 percent investment tax credit for the approved rehabilitation of historic buildings.

The state offers a similar 20-30 percent state income tax credit for approved preservation projects on historic properties.

Applicants are urged to contact OAHP as early as possible to ensure all requirements are met when applying for either federal or state tax credits. Staff can advise property owners, developers, and architects on appropriate preservation and rehabilitation measures. Staff will review applications for tax incentives and make recommendations for approval.

https://historycolorado.org/preservation-tax-credits







1212 Pearl Street, Boulder

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CENTENNIAL FARMS & RANCHES PROGRAM

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In partnership with the Colorado Department of Agriculture, History Colorado administers the Centennial Farms & Ranches Program, which recognizes working farms and ranches that have remained in the same family for more than 100 years. Presented annually at the Colorado State Fair, the program recognizes the important role agriculture has played in the settlement and development of Colorado and honors the contributions made by the state's long-standing farm and ranch families.

https://historycolorado.org/centennial-farms-ranches

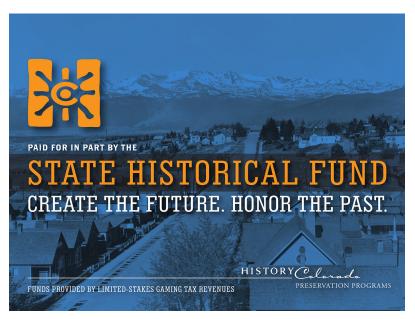


George Eurich Farm, El Paso County

ROADSIDE HISTORICAL MARKERS

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Colorado boasts one of the oldest historical marker programs in the nation, dating back to 1907 when the program began in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution. From bronze plaques placed in the 1920s to colorful panel displays in the 1990s, a wide range of Colorado's history is commemorated on roads and highways throughout the state.



STATE HISTORICAL FUND

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The State Historical Fund awards grants to public entities and nonprofit organizations to preserve and interpret Colorado's architectural and archaeological resources for public benefit. SHF provides monies primarily through acquisition and development, archaeology, education, and survey and planning grants. Awarded projects must adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Each year, the program receives a portion of the total state tax revenue generated by gaming in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. SHF distributes these funds for historic preservation projects in communities throughout Colorado.

Eligible projects include preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of historic schools, libraries, theaters, county courthouses, town halls, mining and agricultural sites, railroad cars, bridges, historic commercial districts, and more.

Property protections are required for certain SHF grants.

https://historycolorado.org/state-historical-fund

STATE HISTORICAL FUND GRANT PROGRAMS

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Competitive Grants

Mini grants: \$1 to \$35,000; General grants: \$35,001 to \$200,000

Acquisition and Development

Stabilization, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or acquisition of a property or site.

Archaeology

Identification, recordation, preservation, and interpretation of archaeological resources. This includes ancient and historic sites as well as artifact collections.

Education

Providing information about historic sites or historic preservation to the public through interpretation, curriculum development, public outreach, or other educational opportunities that pertain to a historic place.

Survey and Planning

Identification, documentation, evaluation, designation, and planning for the protection of significant historic buildings, structures, sites, and districts. Also includes construction documents with no physical work.

Non-Competitive Grants

Up to \$10,000

Archaeology Assessment

Collecting and evaluating archaeological information from a specific site or area in order to create a plan for preservation or additional work.

Emergency

Providing assistance to significant resources that are in imminent danger of being lost, demolished, or seriously damaged when such threat is sudden and unexpected such as fire, flood, hail, or other acts of nature and not deferred maintenance.

Historic Structure Assessment

Preparing a report of the physical condition of a historic building or structure in accordance with a mandatory State Historical Fund assessment outline.

Find out more here: https://www.historycolorado.org/apply-grant

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