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HISTORY MUSEUM CAPITAL PROJECTS RESEARCH CENTER

## PLACES AND SPACES: HISTORY AND HERITAGE GO GREEN

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### Infrastructure That Creates Place

- Explore the concept of trails, parks and trees as special greenspaces that, along with our built environment, connect us to our past.
- Appreciate how they enhance community identity, economic vitality and sustainability.
- Learn strategies to preserve and interpret these heritage resources, incorporate them into green infrastructure planning, and access a variety of project funding resources, including Heritage Capital Projects funds



Downtown Port Townsend

### Explore

City of Tacoma – Chinese Reconciliation Park



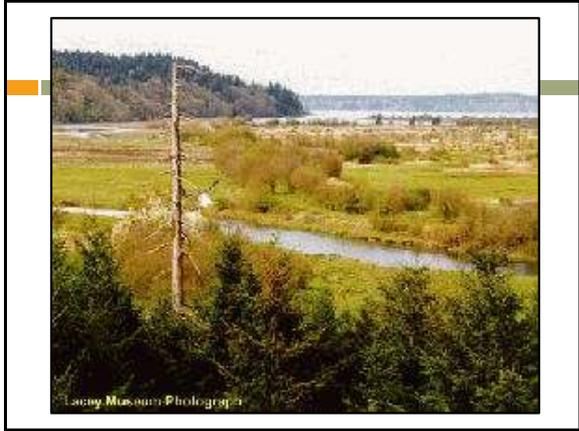
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### Historic Trees in the Olympia Area



### Medicine Creek Treaty Tree



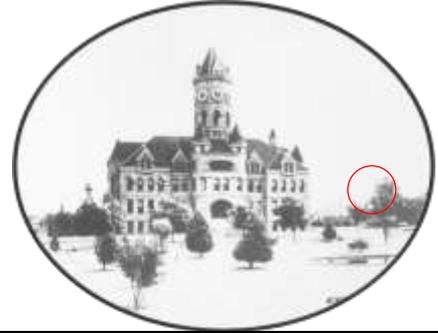
Lacey Museum Photograph

Methodist Church Oak



THIS OAK TREE WAS  
 BROUGHT SADDLEBACK  
 FROM STEILACOOM  
 PLAINS BY D. S. B. HENRY  
 SURVEYOR AND PLANTED  
 ON HIS HOMESTEAD  
 IN THE YEAR 1872

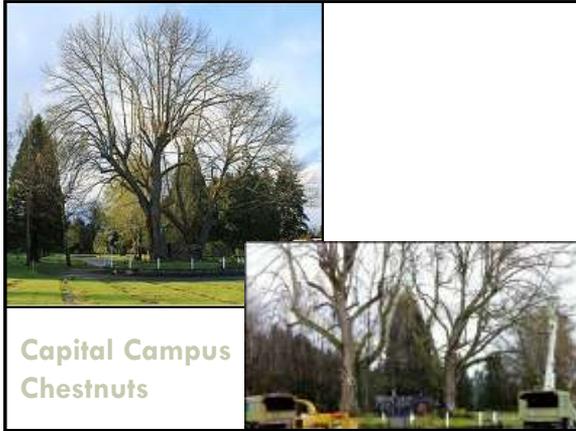
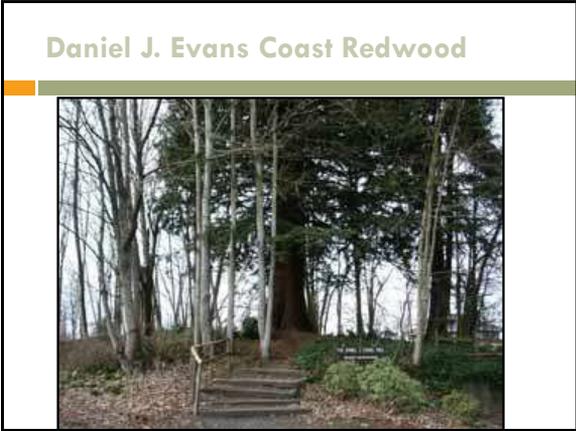
Sylvester Park Elms



Elm Now...

George Washington Bush - Butternut







CITY OF OLYMPIA LANDMARK TREE #1  
This European Chestnut (Castanea sativa) was planted in the 1920's and lovingly tended by George and Kathryn O'Connell and their family for over 40 years, beginning in 1939 when they bought this property.  
Every October chestnut leaves fall over and for much have day and night to gather the seeds underneath when they fall. Seedlings from this tree have been planted widely throughout the city.



DEDICATED BY THE LEGION MEMBERS OF MAX JOHN LETTNER AND BOTH ADELINE LETTNER  
AND LIVED IN THE HOUSE AND STAYED IN THE HOUSE IN 1938 WITH THE MAJOR JOHN CARL AND BAMPET TAYLOR  
THESE FAMILY MEMBERS STAYED 3000 TO THE PRESENT TO BAKER CITY AND BURN



Legion Way Oaks



CITY OF OLYMPIA  
URBAN FORESTRY  
SOME QUALITY  
AND SEEDLING



## Appreciate



Bellingham Old City Hall, now Whatcom Museum and Maritime Heritage Park

Along with active historic structures and interpretive facilities, these living historic landmarks can enhance community identity, economic vitality and sustainability.

## Public Benefits of HCP Funding

- ❖ Historic preservation
- ❖ Heritage interpretation
- ❖ Environmental stewardship through adaptive re-use
- ❖ Accessibility
- ❖ Safety and security
- ❖ Energy efficiency
- ❖ Life-long learning
- ❖ Enrichment via arts & culture
- ❖ Cultural awareness
- ❖ Community engagement
- ❖ Heritage tourism
- ❖ Promotion of skilled trades



The Cutter Theatre – Metairie Falls

## Public Benefits of Green Infrastructure

- ❖ Environmental Functions:
  - Adaptive reuse of existing resources
  - Stormwater capture
  - Carbon sequestration
- ❖ Infrastructure that creates place
- ❖ Open spaces, trees, trails and parks are venues
- ❖ Outdoor experience can be a cultural experience
- ❖ Public ownership and pride promotes stewardship
- ❖ Tourism activator
- ❖ **Enhance and interpret them!**

## Public Investments - a Catalyst

*"Property renovation is a catalytic activity; one renovation supports another. This pattern of reinvestment has a multiplier effect. As more properties are rehabilitated, lenders are more interested in making loans..."*

*The renovation of properties begins a cycle that improves the economic attractiveness of the neighborhood."*

Donovan Rypkema



Ritzville Public Library

## Heritage Inspired the Legislature - 1995

*"The legislature finds that the state of Washington has a rich heritage in historical sites and artifacts that have the potential to provide lifelong learning opportunities for citizens of the state."*



Pacific Science Center - Yamasaki Courtyard, Seattle

## A Need for State Support for Local Efforts

*"Further, the legislature finds that many of these historical treasures are not readily accessible to citizens, and that there is a need to create an ongoing program to support the capital needs of heritage organizations and facilities."*



Phinney Neighborhood Association Community Center Project, Seattle

### Legislative Intent of HCP Program

"Support the capital needs of facilities and organizations that preserve and interpret Washington's history and heritage, so that Washington's rich heritage in historical sites and artifacts can be readily accessible and provide lifelong learning opportunities to citizens"



City of Olympia

Chapter 255-02 WAC - Capital Projects Fund

Percival Landing Interpretive Elements

### Interpreting history and heritage



### RCW 27.34.330 Establishes Program

**Heritage Capital Projects: State may partner with local organizations that preserve and interpret history and heritage.**

- ❖ Competitive grant program established
- ❖ Washington State Historical Society appointed to administer the program, establish guidelines: Washington Administrative Code
- ❖ Advisory panel will review and prioritize proposals for legislative consideration
- ❖ State Capital Budget may include up to \$10 million for Heritage Capital Projects each biennium



Port of Chinook - Chinook School Rehabilitation

### Eligible Entities

- ❖ Non-profit organizations - with 501c (3) IRS determination and incorporated under nonprofits laws of the state
- ❖ Local government agencies - including counties, cities, ports and public facilities districts
- ❖ Tribal governments
- ❖ Public development authorities
- ❖ One HCPF contract at a time
- ❖ HCPF & BFA – not at same time
- ❖ No state or federal agencies



Si View Metropolitan Park District – The Si View Community Center

### Eligible Projects and Costs – WAC 255-02

- ❖ Construction / Rehabilitation - materials, labor, permits, legal services, HVAC, utility hook-ups, lighting, ADA improvements, site work;
- ❖ Purchase, restoration, and/or preservation of fixed assets - historic buildings and structures, historic ships, locomotives, airplanes, and other transportation conveyances;
- ❖ Acquisition of unimproved property for the purpose of construction of a new facility that has a heritage mission;
- ❖ Acquisition, protection, stabilization, and/or development of historic or archaeological sites that are culturally or historically significant;
- ❖ Physical improvement of interior spaces for exhibitions, programs, and/or preservation activities – including fixed furnishings;
- ❖ Construction-related architectural and engineering expenses; and
- ❖ Purchase of equipment directly related to and necessary to accomplish the project. Must have an average useful life of 13 years

### Heritage Capital Projects Fund

- ❖ Grants are funded entirely through the sale of state bonds and an appropriation in the State Capital Budget.
- ❖ Can be spent by the grantee organization for costs that fit the Contract Scope of Work and Project Purpose.
- ❖ Reimbursement only.
- ❖ “Reimbursable costs” are those expenses that a grantee has already incurred and paid.



Stevens County Historic Society  
Colville Indian Agency Cabin in Chewelah

### Overview – Cost Share

- ❖ Cost share is non-state cash match and in-kind contributions:
  - ❖ For eligible project expenditures
  - ❖ For proposed project
  - ❖ From up to six years prior to biennium of the grant
  - ❖ Documented
- ❖ Up to half the cost share can be in-kind contributions.
- ❖ Funds from other state sources and related match may not be reimbursed or used as cost share = not part of the Heritage Capital Projects contract.

### Kinds of Projects Funded

Since 1997, the state has awarded over \$57.7 million in HCP grants supporting new construction and rehabilitation of...

- ❖ Historic structures and objects
- ❖ Tribal cultural centers
- ❖ Museums
- ❖ Interpretive centers
- ❖ Interpretive landscapes
- ❖ Community centers
- ❖ Ships, trains
- ❖ Maritime heritage sites



Northwest Indian College – The Coast Salish Institute



City of Tacoma  
Prairie Line Trail Historic Interpretation Project



City of Tukwila and Forterra  
Restoration of Duwamish Hill Preserve



### Strategize

- ❑ Learn strategies to preserve and interpret these heritage resources,
- ❑ incorporate them into green infrastructure planning, and
- ❑ access a variety of project funding resources, including state Heritage Capital Projects funding.



City of Bellingham  
1892 Old City Hall Window Restoration

### Planning

- ❖ Research
- ❖ Consult with specialists
- ❖ Build a good team
- ❖ Seek partnerships
- ❖ Collaborate
- ❖ Engage community and decision-makers
- ❖ Inventory assets
- ❖ Scope, schedule and budget
- ❖ What is the story
- ❖ How to tell it



### Tips for a Successful Grant Application:

1. Understand what the grant program is about:
  - A. Why was program created and what are the funder's goals?
  - B. What does the funder desire to fund?
  - C. What are their expectations, requirements and processes?
2. Understand your proposal and how it fits the funder's goals:
  - A. Is your organization an eligible entity and does it have capacity?
  - B. Is your proposed project eligible and a good fit for a grant?
  - C. Is project ready to proceed – and complete in a timely fashion?
3. Plan how to respond with a strong application:
  - A. What can you do NOW to meet the funder's expectations.
  - B. What tasks can be accomplished ahead of time.
  - C. How to show that your project meets the funder's goals.

## 2017 - 2019 Grant Timeline (estimated)

- ❖ February 2016 – Application materials available
- ❖ March 2016 – Application workshops
- ❖ May 2016 – Applications due (date TBD)
- ❖ May – June, 2016 - HCP staff preliminary review and determination of eligibility
- ❖ June – July 2016 – Advisory Panel review/evaluation/scoring of applications
- ❖ July 2016 – Open public meeting for development of prioritized list of HCP projects
- ❖ August 2016 – List totaling no more than \$10 million to WSHS Director for review
- ❖ September 2016 – List included in WSHS Capital Budget request sent to Governor
- ❖ December 2016 (estimated) – Governor releases proposed state Capital Budget
- ❖ June 2017 (estimated) – 2015-2017 state Capital Budget signed into law
- ❖ July 1, 2017 (estimated) – Announcement of grant awards (if any)
- ❖ Fall 2017 – Grant funds allocated by Office of Financial Management
- ❖ June 30, 2019 – Expiration of contract and grant funding

## Requirements of HCPF projects

- ❖ Provide a significant public benefit in the form of heritage interpretation and preservation
- ❖ Provide Public Access for 13 years
- ❖ Project Purpose identifies how grantee will meet this contract requirement.
- ❖ Legislative intent: RCW 27.34.330 – Findings



Sound Experience – The Adventurers

## Governor's Executive Order 05-05

- ❖ HCPF grants are subject to GEO 05-05 if the project is
  - ❖ **not** undergoing a Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
  - ❖ and disturbs ground or involves structures more than 50 years old.
- ❖ Relevant *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties* will need to be followed if the property or object central to the application is
  - ❖ **listed** or **eligible for listing** on the National Register of Historic Places or the Washington Heritage Register
- ❖ **Contact DAHP** – The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at [www.dahp.wa.gov](http://www.dahp.wa.gov)

## Historic Status



## Other Contract Requirements

- ❖ **One grant a time – Heritage Capital Projects / Building for the Arts**
- ❖ **Be aware of and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, policies, including, but not limited to those related to:**
  - ❖ Hazardous Substances - [70.105 RCW](#)
  - ❖ Governor's Executive Order 05-05 – See [www.dahp.wa.gov](http://www.dahp.wa.gov)
  - ❖ Prevailing Wage Law - [RCW 39.12](#) and [WAC 296-127](#)
  - ❖ Industrial Insurance - [RCW 51](#)
  - ❖ Nondiscrimination - [RCW 49.60](#)
  - ❖ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - 42.U.S.C. 12101 – See <http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Legal>
  - ❖ High-performance Public Buildings (LEED) - [RCW 39.35D](#)
  - ❖ Greenhouse Gas Emissions - [RCW 70.235](#)

## Review Process

- ❖ A Heritage Capital Projects Advisory Panel required by the RCW, is appointed by the WSHS.
- ❖ As leaders in the heritage field, the panel members provide advice to the WSHS on the establishment of a prioritized list of heritage capital projects to submit to the governor and the legislature each biennium.
- ❖ Advisory Panel members include representatives from the Washington Museum Association, the Office of the Secretary of State, the Eastern Washington State Historical Society, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Department of Enterprise Services, and citizens at-large.
- ❖ Members independently review, evaluate and score each application, using established evaluation criteria and scoring values.

## HCP Application - Evaluation Criteria

### ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

- Financial and managerial ability to successfully manage the contract and operate the facility

### COMMUNITY NEED

- Evidence of a clear community need for the project and ability of the project to meet the need.

### READINESS TO PROCEED

- Demonstrated readiness to initiate and complete a well-planned and cost-effective project in two years

### PROJECT RESULTS

- Clear and appropriate project purpose with a high degree of achievable results – that meet the legislative intent

## HCP Application - Threshold Requirements

- Application Timeliness:** Complete application received or postmarked by posted deadline.
- Applicant Eligibility:** The applicant organization must be an eligible entity as defined by [RCW 27.34.330](#)
- Eligible Projects:** The proposed project must be eligible under [WAC 255-02](#).
- Property Control:** Applicant must own, lease, or otherwise hold the project property for 13 years from completion of the project and use it for the express purpose described in the application.
- Public benefit:** Proposed project must result in a tangible asset of public benefit.
- Minimum Budget:** A total project budget at least \$25,000.
- Maximum Grant Request:** At this time, no more than \$1,000,000.00.

## HCP Application - Threshold Requirements

- Cost Share:** At this time, budget must demonstrate that a 33:67 HCPF/Applicant ratio, with at least 50% as a cash match.
- Non-state Cost Share Funds:** Other state funds and match funds used for other state grants cannot be used as a Cost Share.
- Minimum Available Funds:** Must have at least 75% of the match in hand or documented as pledges. Half of this 75% must be in cash.
- Credibility of documentation:** Consistency of responses and sufficient supporting evidence.
- Appropriate project start and end dates:** Eligible start date and completion by end of biennium.

## Contract Management

- No reimbursable expenditures before your contract is executed.**
- Retain and organize your eligible project expenditures chronologically.**
- Document all in-kind contributions:**
  - Date
  - Name of volunteer
  - Skilled professional?
  - Work performed
  - Number of hours
  - Materials donated
  - Services donated
  - Pledges



Polson Park and Museum - Hoquiam

## Other Resources - Technical and Financial

- The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides technical and financial resources <http://www.preservationnation.org>
- State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation provides technical and financial resources [www.dahp.wa.gov/](http://www.dahp.wa.gov/)
- Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, the statewide historic preservation non-profit, provides technical and financial assistance including listing as a Most Endangered Property and minor emergency funding through the Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund
- County auditor's surcharge on document recording - account County Commissioners may use "to promote historical preservation or historical programs. See <http://www.preservewa.org/>
- Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) provides hands-on technical assistance and grant information. October 2015 Conference in Wenatchee <http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/conference.html>

## Thank you!

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