



Blaine County
Fiscal Year 2024
External Organizations Budget Request

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FY24 Strategic Priorities

Each budget request for FY24 should directly correlate to at least one of the FY24 Strategic Priorities. All funding requests and approvals will be weighed against how they align with the Strategic Priorities.



General Information

Organization:

Budget Contact Person: Bob MacLeod

Organization Profile

Organization Mission

The mission of the Blaine County Historical Museum is to discover, procure and maintain items and information that relates to the history of Blaine County and to promote interest and awareness through public education.

With our growing community, it is even more imperative that we impart a sense of local history to our growing population. We feel that our Museum is the only one in the County that provides authentic artifacts imparting a view of everyday life of our earliest settlers. In this way, we can differentiate ourselves from other historical organizations with differing missions.

Operational Description

The Blaine County Historical Museum is a 501(c)3 museum that operates as a historical exhibit and education center, research library, and facilitates community knowledge. We provide factual information and historical insight for amateur historians as well as professional research including federally mandated historical mitigation of historic properties and projects. Periodic events intend to educate and include the community and tours are provided for our local educational facilities and tourists. The museum traditionally has operated seasonally, with a director and part time docents.

Organizational Structure

We operate under a full (non salaried) board led by Bob MacLeod, President. The board approves all organizational decisions. The last few years we have operated under the same operational structure, as follows:

Director: Rebecca Cox- Part Time Yearly

Front Desk Staff: 3 positions Seasonal Hourly

There are no current plans to change this structure.

FY23 Fiscal Year Review

FY23 Performance Metrics

(Provide a bulleted list of at least 3 performance metrics - Note – going forward these should be reported on year-over-year as well as a history of this data)

- Metric 1 Visitor Numbers 1378 (2022)
- Metric 2 Donations \$6,628.43 (2022)
- Metric 3 Community offerings and events (2022: Mountaineering Speaker, Farmer's Market Booth, Wicked Spud Fundraiser Booth/Recipient, Tribute to Teddy Daley, Heritage Court, Fourth of July Parade, Special Holiday Events, Many Educational Tours)

There are basic measurements of money and foot traffic but what is most important to the Museum's Board of Directors is whether the Museum and its exhibits bring joy, knowledge and to hear visitor's say "what a nice institution to have in our community"- that's what really counts.

FY23 Fiscal Year Highlights

(Provide a bulleted list of three to five highlights from FY23 – should tie directly to budget requests and approvals from current FY and how the budget approvals help(ed) your organization achieve your metrics)

- Highlight 1 Inventorying, Digitizing and Accessioning of Museum collections. This brings the BCHM up to Museum best practices and enables better querying of historical items, enhancing research abilities.
- Highlight 2 Appraisal of our American Political Memorabilia collection. We were able to verify that we are housing the second largest public collection of such in the country.
- Highlight 3 Continuing the Heritage Court tradition. The Esto Perpetua award was given to this program under the BCHM organization.
- Highlight 4 Utilizing front desk staff for ongoing projects between museum tours including photo accessioning and collections care management.

FY23 Other Highlights

(Provide any other highlights and updates from FY23)

- Highlight 1 Facility enhancements including repainting concrete floor, new carpeting, exterior improvements (facade, landscaping and updating).
- Highlight 2 Redesign of exhibits including a rotating exhibit which was Mountaineering for 2022 and early valley newspapers for 2023.

FY24 Fiscal Year Budget Request Highlights

Requested Resources and Associated Costs

(Identify any significant budget requests and applicable information to support the requests. Explain how the requests will support increased performance of the above identified performance metrics.)

- People; Facilities; Equipment; Programming Costs; Other Requested Resources
 - Identify request
 - Identify associated cost of request
 - Identify which **Strategic Priority** this request will help support

We are not asking for any increase in budget for the next fiscal year above regular cost of living increases.

FY24 Fiscal Year Anticipated Highlights

FY24 Anticipated Projects, Performance and Highlights

(Provide a bulleted list of at least 3 anticipated highlights based upon budget requests or anticipated projects.)

- Anticipated Highlight 1 Continuation of special community events including a speaker event, “A Night At The Museum” event, special holiday openings....
- Anticipated Highlight 2 Redesigning exhibits including Political Memorabilia which deserves a permanent, highlighted exhibit space.
- Anticipated Highlight 3 Subcommittee formed to strategize upcoming expansion plans, including idea session and consultation with architect and professional exhibit designer. Museum Director utilized as project manager for this work.
- Anticipated Highlight 4: Rebranding of Museum graphic design and signage for historic interpretation and modernization.