

(9) HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado (formally the Colorado Historical Society) is engaged in a wide variety of educational, scientific, literary, artistic, and historic preservation activities in support of its mission to inspire generations to find wonder and meaning in Colorado’s unique heritage. The organization’s major efforts in this regard include (1) the collection, preservation, and storage of over 15 million historical artifacts belonging to the State of Colorado, (2) the operation of a network of museums and historical sites located throughout the State, including the History Colorado Center in Denver, (3) the administration of the country’s largest program of historic preservation grants (operated by the State Historical Fund through gaming tax revenues), and (4) the processing and documentation of archaeological and historic sites Statewide through the office of the State Archaeologist.

(A) Central Administration

Central Administration

This line item pays for total personal services and operating expenses for the History Colorado Executive Office, Human Resources, and Accounting and Finance. The source of cash funds is gaming revenue (that is derived from the minority share of the Historical Society’s 80 percent share of the State Historical Fund revenues pursuant to Section 12-47.1-1201(5)(d)(II)(b), C.R.S. and 24-80-214, C.R.S.) (hereinafter “Gaming Revenue”), the Enterprise Services Cash Fund authorized pursuant to 24-80-209, C.R.S. (hereinafter “Enterprise Funds”), and federal funds.

Facilities Management

This line item pays for personal services, contracts and other operating expenses associated with the physical maintenance of the History Colorado Center and historic sites owned and operated by History Colorado, and for some centralized operating expenses of History Colorado community museums across Colorado. The source of cash funds is Gaming Revenue and Enterprise Funds.

Lease-Purchase of History Colorado Center

This line item pays for the Certificates of Participation associated with the construction of the History Colorado Center, completed and opened in 2012. These payments run through 2045. The source of cash funds is from Gaming Revenue.

(B) History Colorado Museums

History Colorado Center

This line item provides spending authority over the funds raised by History Colorado through a variety of activities carried out at the History Colorado Center. The source of cash funds is Gaming Revenue, Enterprise Funds, and federal funds. Sources of revenue deposited in Enterprise Funds include History Colorado Center admissions, gift shop sales, public education programs, memberships, publications, rental income, commissions, and other miscellaneous sources of earned revenue.

Community Museums

This line item provides spending authority over the funds raised by History Colorado through a variety of activities carried out at the Community Museums operated by History Colorado throughout Colorado. The source of cash funds includes Gaming Revenue and Enterprise Funds. Sources of revenue deposited in Enterprise Funds include community museum admissions, gift shop sales, public education programs, membership, publications, rental income, and other miscellaneous sources of earned revenue.

Exhibits

This line item provides spending authority over the State Museum Cash Fund pursuant to 24-80-214 C.R.S. (hereinafter “State Museum Cash Fund”) for exhibit planning, development, and build-out at facilities owned and operated by History Colorado.

(C) Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

This line item pays for personal services, grants, and operating expenses associated with the operation of the office of the State Archaeologist and related programs, including spending authority with respect to a Federal grant received by the office. The source of cash funds is Gaming Revenue, Enterprise Funds and a federal grant. The source of revenue deposited in Enterprise Funds is Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation fees.

(D) State Historical Fund

Administration

This line item pays for personal services, contracts, and operating expenses for the State Historical Fund in connection with the administration of the statewide historic preservation grant program. The source of cash funds is from the majority share of the State Historical Society’s 80 percent share of the State Historical Fund revenues pursuant to 12-47-.1-1201 (5)(a)(II), C.R.S. (hereinafter “SHF Gaming Revenue”.)

Statewide Preservation Grants

The majority of the revenue generated from gaming taxes received by History Colorado (after the Gaming Cities Distributions described below) is used by the State Historical Fund to provide and administer grants for the preservation and restoration of historical sites and municipalities throughout the State pursuant to Section 12-47.1-701, C.R.S. The source of cash funds is SHF Gaming Revenue.

Gaming Cities Distributions

Twenty percent of the revenue generated from gaming taxes received by History Colorado is returned to the gaming cities of Blackhawk, Central City and Cripple Creek pursuant to Section 12-47.1-701, C.R.S. The source of cash funds is SHF Gaming Revenue.

(E) Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Commission

This line item funds the State's portion of a cooperative agreement with New Mexico to operate the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. The line item includes a General Fund appropriation, cash funds received from New Mexico and cash funds received from the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Commission.