



*Latah County Historical Society*

# *2025 Annual Report*

JANUARY 2026



Dr. Markie McBrayer gives a "Suds with a Scholar" talk at Shattuck West in September as part of the *Voices and Votes* exhibit.

## **2025 Highlights**

- Published *Moscow, the Past & Present* book, with accompanying 2026 calendar
- Completed 77 research requests
- Hosted 14 community programs
- Partnered for 11 other events
- Authored 6 *Home & Harvest* magazine articles
- Wrote 8 Nearby History columns for the newspaper
- 9 new volunteers donated their time with us
- Volunteers served an estimated 800 hours
- Directed internships for 3 UI students
- Staff presented at 2 conferences
- Lula's Library Book Club met monthly
- Offered the 5<sup>th</sup> Historic Recipe Challenge at the fair
- Nominated former LCHS board member Earl Bennett for an Esto Perpetua award

# McConnell Mansion Historic House

We finished phase two restoring the second bay of windows, supported by our private donors, the Idaho Heritage Trust, the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, Innovia Foundation, Latah Community Foundation, Idaho Community Foundation, and the Moscow Central Lions Club.



## The Museum welcomed

- 7.4% more visitors compared to 2024, with 1,445 people signing the guestbook
- 6 school tours for approximately 220 students
- 2 community group tours
- 9 rentals
- 2 different mini-exhibits on sports
- Visitors across 29 states and 8 countries: Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Ireland, Peru, the UK, Romania, and the Netherlands



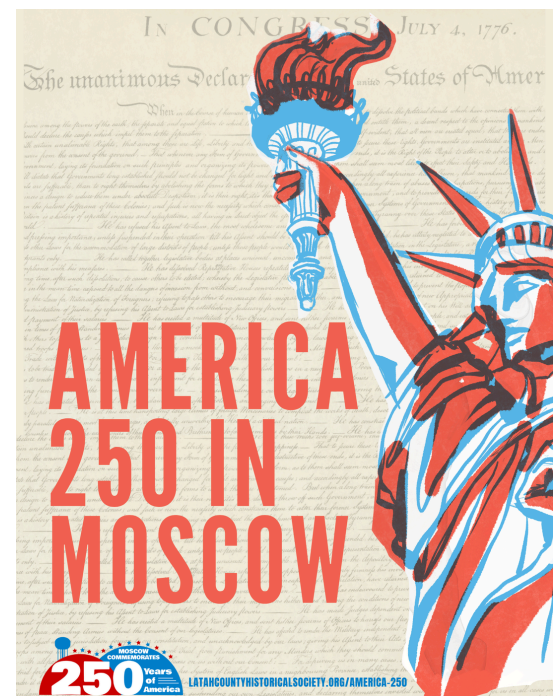


**We hosted the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street exhibition, *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America*, at the University of Idaho to begin our America 250 commemoration, sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council**

- 6 Latah County schools across Moscow, Kendrick and Potlatch visited, with approximately 550 students
- 8 volunteer docents facilitated school visits
- 3 scholars presented 4 public programs with an estimated 180 people in total attendance
- 1 Teen Book Club met twice through a partnership with the Moscow Middle School and Latah Library District
- The League of Women Voters of Moscow, Moscow Central Lions Club, Rotary Club of Moscow, and Kiwanis Club of Moscow provided \$2,200 for student bussing

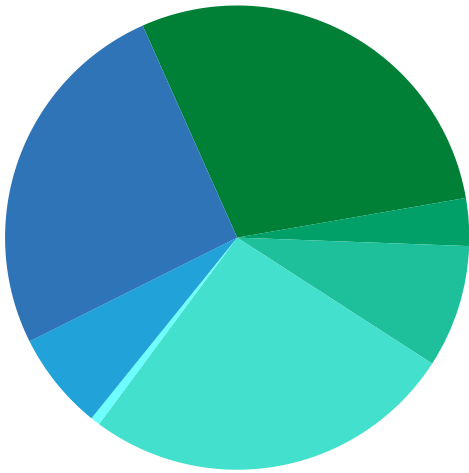


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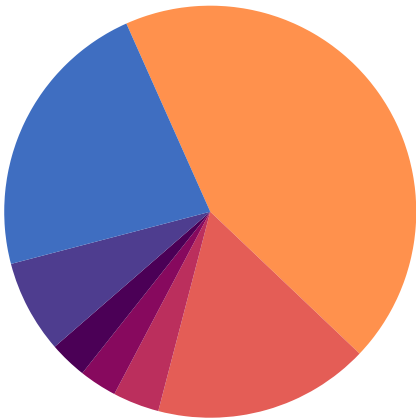
# Financial Report

Total Income - \$177,960



Historical Foundation - \$51,500  
Grants/Sponsorships - \$5,904  
Membership - \$15,208  
Donations/Annual Giving - \$46,311  
Fundraising Events - \$1,158  
Programs/Gift Store/Other - \$12,140  
Museum Capital Improvements - \$45,739

Total Expense - \$175,533



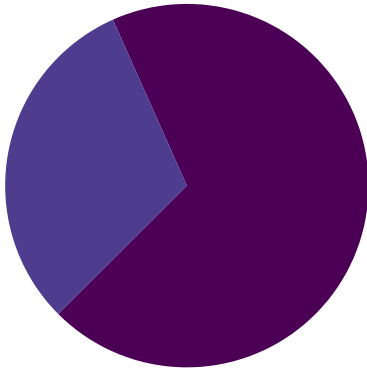
Employees - \$75,572  
Buildings/Grounds - \$30,604  
Exhibits/Programs - \$5,929  
Communications - \$7,087  
Office/Curatorial Supplies - \$5,258  
Store Stock/Other - \$13,555  
Museum Windows - \$56,206



# *Latah County*

Oct. 1, 2024 - Sept. 30, 2025

Total to LCHS - \$98,812



Director & Curator Salaries - \$68,363  
Employee Benefits - \$30,449

## *Historical Foundation*

The Latah County Historical Foundation ended the year with a balance of \$1,401,912. The Foundation continues to support the Society.

In 2025, LCHF provided the Society with \$51,500 for operations. The distribution policy states that the Foundation's annual payout cannot exceed the lesser of a) 5% of the balance of the portfolio or b) 4.6% of the five year average balance of the portfolio.



LCHF portfolio value  
as of Dec. 31, 2025



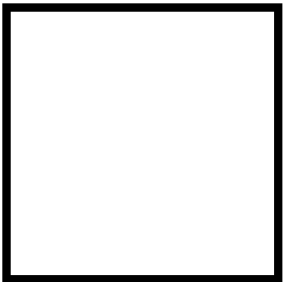
Planned distribution  
to LCHS for 2026



Total disbursement to LCHS  
from LCHF since 1998



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Earl and Carol  
Bennett at the Esto  
Perpetua Award  
ceremony in June,  
where Earl was one  
of the recipients.



LCHS staff and  
board members  
ate lunch with the  
Latah County  
Commissioners at  
the McConnell  
Mansion in  
November.



McConnell Mansion  
docent Joanne and  
curator Kaitlyn in  
costume at the  
Victorian Christmas  
in December.

*We build good citizens, strong communities, and satisfying lives.*