



Snohomish County

Conservation and Natural Resources

Historic Preservation Commission

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Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission Grant Open for Applications

Nonprofits and public agencies can apply for funding to help preserve local history; applications due January 17, 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash., November 17, 2023 – The 2024 [Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission Grant Program](#) is open for applications. This program was started in 2009 to fund and promote historic preservation projects across Snohomish County to educate residents and enhance access to history. The 2024 grant program will provide a total of \$75,000 in financial aid through individual grants up to \$15,000.

Applications can be submitted for any of four categories: Public Programming, Capital Improvements & Equipment, Collections Management, and Professional Development. Snohomish County-based nonprofit cultural organizations and government entities and agencies that provide heritage services to the public are eligible to apply. All proposed projects must have a clear heritage focus that relates to an aspect of Snohomish County history. Past grants have been used to renovate historical buildings (such as the [Floyd Norgaard Center](#) in Stanwood), create museum exhibits, digitize historical records, and develop educational tools. The program is funded with a portion of document recording fees collected by the Snohomish County Auditor. All applications must be complete and submitted for review by January 17, 2024.

“Snohomish County Historic Preservation grants help to promote and preserve Snohomish County history, as well as provide historic educational opportunities,” said Gretchen Kaehler, Snohomish County Archaeologist and Cultural Resources Coordinator. “Without these grants administered by the Snohomish County Historic Commission, some of the smaller, but locally significant projects could not be completed.”

For example, in 2019, the City of Sultan received a grant from the Snohomish County Historic Commission for more than \$9,000 to restore a statue of Chief Sultan, the city’s namesake. The sawdust and resin statue is iconic and is viewed by over 10,000 people annually during the salmon return celebration. The statue was in poor shape prior to 2019, and in danger of deteriorating completely. Grant funding helped restore the statue and move it to the current location in River Park where it continues to delight locals and visitors while honoring the legacy of the first inhabitants of Snohomish County. [See more past grant winners here.](#)

For more information or to apply, [visit the website](#) or contact Gretchen Kaehler at Gretchen.kaehler@co.snohomish.wa.us.

About the Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission

Snohomish County values its historic buildings, sites, structures, and objects. Through the Historic Preservation Commission, Snohomish County seeks to identify, preserve, and protect significant historic and archaeological properties that celebrates the rich history of Snohomish County. The Historic Preservation Commission offers several services to support preservation efforts of these irreplaceable county assets:

- A local register of historic places
- Special Valuation Tax incentives for historic building rehabilitation
- Educational resources and contacts
- Plaques designating the building/structure's placement on the register
- Access to advice and guidance from historical preservation professionals

About Snohomish County Parks & Recreation

The Snohomish County Parks system is incredibly diverse and boasts almost 12,000 acres of parks and open space; over 120 park properties; 100s of miles of trails and access to fresh and saltwater shorelines. Major regional park assets such as the Evergreen State Fair Park, Kayak Point County Park, Lord Hill Regional Park and the Centennial and Interurban Trail systems host local, regional and national events that draw millions of visitors each year to Snohomish County.

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