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Dear Mr. Schumacher:

On behalf of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation I am respectfully submitting our proposed 2015-2017 capital budget.

We are recommending two decision packages for this biennium: Historic County Courthouses and Heritage Barns. Both these requests are continuations of on-going successful programs that have assisted local businesses and employed local labor across our state.

The Historic County Courthouse Grants Program is requesting \$3,597, 000 to continue fiscal assistance to county governments. These grants are slated for the following counties: Spokane, Pacific, Grant, Columbia, Clallam, Lewis, Jefferson, Klickitat and Adams. This program will generate \$8,200,000 in additional rehabilitation work which equals 320 jobs. These jobs will be from a variety of fields that include: plastering, plumbing, carpentry, electrical, window fabrication and installation, masonry, roofing, painting, etc.

The current Heritage Barn Preservation Program is proposing \$515,000 (\$257,500 per fiscal year) to continue grant assistance to working farms. The program is a 50-50 match between state funds and barn owners, which results in each award leveraging additional private investment. Funding the program at \$515,000 for the biennium will generate nearly \$1,000,000 in historic barn rehabilitation. This will assist local farmers in maintaining their agricultural livelihood while preserving the historic landscape. The program also leverages and promotes local food movement and agri-tourism. Skagit County alone has developed a highly successful heritage barn tourism program based on the Heritage Barn Register and Preservation program. Increasing tourism in Washington State is a major focus of Results Washington Goal Council 2.

Based on information from past projects, the program will create/support up to 80 jobs in the following fields: timber framing, general and finish carpentry, roofing, window



rehabilitation/fabrication & installation, general contracting, painting, crane operation, structural lifting (barn-jacking for foundation work) and others.

Thank you for considering our 2015-17 budget submittal. We look forward to being able to assist our counties and the agricultural community through these essential and popular programs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Most Sincerely,



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Project Number: 30000009

Project Title: Heritage Barn Preservation Program

### Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2016

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 1

#### Project Summary

The agency is requesting \$250,000 per fiscal year to continue the Heritage Barn Grant Preservation program. This program is a 50-50 match between state funds and barn owners, resulting in each grant award leveraging additional private investment. This program creates jobs in the local community, increases income to local economies and increases tourism.

#### Project Description

##### *What is the proposed project?*

The current Heritage Barn Preservation Program is requesting \$515,000 (\$257,500 per fiscal year) to continue the heritage barn grant program. The program is a 50-50 match between state funds and barn owners, resulting in each grant award leveraging additional private investment. Funding the program at \$500,000 for the biennium will generate at least \$1,000,000 in historic barn rehabilitation which assists local farmers in maintaining their agricultural livelihood while preserving the historic landscape and promoting agri-tourism and food tourism, which sparks regional businesses. Based on information from past projects, the program will create/support up to 80 local jobs in the following fields: timber framing, general and finish carpentry, roofing, window rehabilitation/fabrication & installation, general contracting, painting, crane operation, structural lifting (barn-jacking for foundation work) and others.

Presently, there are 592 barns listed on the Washington Heritage Barn Register and the agency continues to receive additional nominations. In 2007 the legislature allocated \$500,000 to create the program. The legislature approved an additional \$300,000 for 2009-11, \$200,000 the 2011-13 biennium, and \$500,000 in the 2013-15 biennium. Last biennium, the program received 77 applications totaling over \$1,725,000 in requests for \$456,000 in available funds (of the \$500,000 allocated for the 2013-15 biennium, \$44,000 went to administrative costs). Twenty grants totaling the full available amount were awarded, with an additional \$666,906 in cash and donated services identified as committed match by barn owners. Continued funding will help accommodate more and larger projects and contribute to the local economy. Through the grant program, more than \$1,100,000 in overall work on historic barns will be implemented in the 2013-15 biennium, including essential projects such as roof replacement, foundation repair and structural stabilization measures. The funding will be used to continue to award matching grants to qualifying historic barn repair and restoration projects throughout the state, with priority going to barns that remain in active agricultural use.

The principal problem being addressed is the physical needs of historic barns in Washington State. As outlined in the *Heritage Barns: Statewide Survey and Physical Needs Assessment*, Washington's heritage barns have a variety of challenges to their continued survival. The survey, completed in 2008, identified as much as \$34 million in need for barn rehabilitation throughout the state. Unfortunately, as most heritage barns are owned by private owners, they are not eligible for other grant programs. Furthermore, many barns are located in areas where local jurisdictions have yet to adopt ordinances that would allow barn owners to utilize local property tax-based incentives. Facing significant maintenance costs, barn owners are often forced to demolish their barns or neglect them, opting instead for cheaper alternatives. This grant program would incentivize historic rehabilitation of heritage barns, meeting several of the agency's activities and statewide preservation goals. The need for a preservation grants fund which historic barns can access drove the creation and continued funding of this program. Last year DAHP received 77 applications seeking more than \$1,725,000 in grant funds. With only \$456,000 in available funding, twenty projects (representing just over 25% of applicants) from across the state received grant funds. Since the program's establishment, \$1,350,000 invested by the state in grant funds have been utilized on 66 projects in 29 counties statewide, resulting in nearly \$3.2 million dollars in historic barn rehabilitation. To date, the program has generated approximately \$130,000 in sales tax revenue, with approximately \$75,000 in additional sales tax revenue anticipated for projects receiving funding in the 2013-15 biennium.

Continued funding of this grant program would increase the number of historic barn rehabilitation projects in the state, ensure the survival of heritage barns, assist the agricultural community, provide for the local economy and increase the heritage resource inventory of the state. Funding will create work for local companies, use local labor, promote preservation and sustainable practices, reduce waste from demolition, and maintain our agricultural landscape which is critical for local tourism efforts. With funding priority given to barns that remain in active agricultural use (58 of the 66 grants have been awarded to barns on working farms), the program directly impacts the agricultural economy. Major improvements to the State's agricultural heritage resources would be made through continued funding. Continued funding would also renew Washington's commitment to historic preservation, tourism, agricultural heritage and the farming economy. A direct result of the grant program has been



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an increase in agricultural-related tourism programming at the local level. County-wide barn tours and barn quilt programs have been developed by local historical societies, while several publications have been created highlighting regional barns and surrounding agricultural landscapes.

This grants program is one of DAHP's flagship preservation grants programs. It is the only source of funding available to historic barns in the state, and supports all three of the agency's goals as outlined in the 2014-19 statewide preservation plan. Failure to fund will result in the loss of valuable agricultural heritage through deferred maintenance, neglect, strong weather events, and development pressure.

### **What opportunity or problem is driving this request?**

The opportunity driving this request is the millions of dollars needed to properly rehabilitate the historic barns in the state. The current economic situation has created a hardship for family farms, particularly those who strive to maintain their existing historic structures on lands in active agricultural use. By providing a competitive grants program, the state has managed to help owners successfully rehabilitate heritage barns, thereby assisting farmers in difficult economic times and preventing demolition and waste of existing resources. Historic Preservation is a proven sustainability tool that helps the environment and the economy.

### **How does the project support the agency and statewide results?**

This project supports the agency's mission to combine historic preservation with economic development. According to the *Washington State Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation Study*, every \$1 million spent on historic rehabilitation creates 28 jobs. Funding this program will assist the agricultural economy, small local businesses and create local income multipliers by keeping work in the affected county. The state's sustainability initiatives are also served by this program, as the grants provide incentives for farm owners to maintain existing historic buildings rather than demolish and rebuild with new non-local materials. Rehabilitation, in contrast to demolition, reduces the waste stream to landfills and promotes the recycling of existing structures. By promoting rehabilitation over demolition, the state reduces its overall carbon footprint and meets its commitment to preservation and sustainability. Historic barn rehabilitation fulfills two DAHP activities: preserving and enhancing historic places and protecting archaeological and cultural resources.

This project meets all three goals presented in the Washington State Historic Preservation Plan, including:

- Goal 1 Enhance communities by actively engaging historic preservation with other forces shaping our environment. The Heritage Barn Preservation Grant program supports and is tied to this goal as it serves as a direct link to growing and diverse numbers of stakeholders working to enhance their communities. By rehabilitating historic barns, state funds are directly benefitting family farms, small businesses, and communities that have greatest needs and limited access to resources. As called out in this goal, the barn grant program also connects to other community and economic development strategies such as heritage tourism, sustainability, and energy efficiency.

- Goal 2 Engage a broad spectrum of the public in preservation by improving access to information. DAHP tracks data on the Heritage Barn Preservation Grant program demonstrating its economic impact on local economies. Tracked data includes job creation and sales tax revenues. Also tracked are local match to state funds including cash as well as materials and services. This directly relates to plan strategy 2.A. (ii) *Provide state and local elected officials with resources and information on existing successes and opportunities to support expanding policy at the state and local levels.*

- Goal 3 Strengthen policies and planning processes to enhance informed and cross-disciplinary decision-making for managing historic and cultural resources. The Heritage Barn Grant program has proven to be an important tool for preservationists to engage with local decision-makers and new stakeholders in a positive approach. The barn supports and directly relates to plan strategy 3.A. (i) *Create a systemic way to regularly engage with federal, state, and local agencies to raise the profile of historic preservation concerns and impacts to cultural and historic resources...*

This program directly fulfills the statewide strategy of improving cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state. The agency's strategy is to preserve and protect cultural and recreational opportunities through three activities. Each of these activities is enhanced by this program:

- Preserving and enhancing historic places by preserving and rehabilitating historic barns
- Creating and managing cultural resource data through the development and maintenance of the heritage barn register
- Protecting archaeological and historic resources by preventing the loss of valuable heritage resources.

Ultimately, the goal of the program is to rehabilitate barns but also to assist the agricultural community with maintaining their livelihood. Barns are the primary structures for housing animals, storing equipment, and other uses associated with the viability of an agricultural operation. For this reason grants are primarily given to barns that are integral parts of working farms.

### **What are the specific benefits of this project?**

The grant program will directly purchase \$500,000 in repairs and rehabilitation for historic barns. As it is a matching grants program, another \$500,000 in repairs and rehabilitation will be generated, creating a total construction investment of over



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\$1,000,000. These repairs will increase the useable life of historic barns, assist small local businesses, create local employment, improve economic vitality, preserve the state's agricultural history and enhance Washington's heritage profile. In exchange for funding, the agency holds preservation easements ranging from 5-15 years for barns receiving grants. This ensures retention of the character defining features and the overall preservation of barns throughout the term of the easement. A study on heritage barns conducted in 2008 identified over \$34 million in repairs needed to heritage barns throughout the state. This project helps alleviate that need. There are nearly 600 heritage barns in the state. Heritage barns, when in use, are generally replaced or abandoned if they become operationally unsafe. These grants make rehabilitation of these properties a viable option, extending the useable life of the historic structure. Many of the grants awarded help to stabilize historic barns, prolonging their safety and life and setting the stage for further rehabilitation. The agency has also found that the program relies on local businesses and labor to conduct the rehabilitation thus making it beneficial for the regional economy.

**How will clients be affected and services changed if this project is funded?**

The continued funding of this grant program will have a positive effect on the many involved clients as well as local businesses and local tax revenue. Grants leverage private matching dollars to significantly improve the condition of historic barns through rehabilitation. The general public benefits from the investment in protecting cultural resources, tax revenue, local employment and assistance to small family farms. This program has had the full support of the Farm Bureau, the Cattleman's Association and the Association of Washington Counties.

DAHP contracts out staffing for the Heritage Barn Advisory Committee and administration of grants. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation has done this work at minimal cost. This project will allow for the continuation of existing services, and no additional FTEs are necessary.

**How will the other state programs or units of government be affected if this project is funded?**

This program does not directly affect other state programs or units of government. This program is one of DAHP's flagship capital expenditure programs. It is the sole source of funding for heritage barn owners.

**What is the impact on the state operating budget?**

This request will have no impact upon the state operating budget.

**Why is this the best option or alternative?**

There are three alternatives to funding this project.

- The first is to fund at this level but require DAHP to administer it with an FTE. This would be more expensive than the current program because of the cost of an additional FTE.
- The second alternative is to fund this program at a reduced amount. This would lower the amount of grants awarded in the program. Either fewer grants would be awarded or lesser amounts would be awarded. This would result in fewer contracts with local businesses, less local employment, and would hamper local agri-tourism and heritage efforts, particularly those aimed at smaller organic farms.
- The third alternative is to not to fund this project. This would effectively eliminate resources for owners of heritage barns, creating a negative impact on the local economy and job creation. The agricultural community would be required to find their own source of assistance resulting in many barns being neglected and lacking proper maintenance. There would be a loss of the barn for future use which impacts small farms and the local economy.

This cost is consistent with other preservation grants programs, such as the historic county courthouse grants and the Heritage Capital Grants Program. However, this program also provides for keeping the Heritage Barn Register, a feature which has no counterpart in other state grant programs.

**What is the agency's proposed funding strategy for the project?**

The agency proposes a capital fund appropriation in the amount of \$515,000 is allocated for the heritage barn grants program. A capital fund appropriation is the only viable financing option- there are no dedicated fund sources. This is a program where state dollars are matched by private investment. In-kind services and materials can count toward the match.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants



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**Grant Recipient Organization:** Individual Barn Owners

**RCW that establishes grant:** 27.34

**Application process used**

Grant awards reviewed and approved by the Historic Barn Steering Committee.

**Growth Management impacts**

None

**Funding**

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<u>Acct Code</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>2015-17 Fiscal Period</u>	
			<u>Prior Biennium</u>	<u>Current Biennium</u>	<u>Reappropriations</u>	<u>New Appropriations</u>
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<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

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No Operating Impact



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Project Number: 30000010

Project Title: Historic County Courthouse Grants Program

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2016  
 Project Class: Grant  
 Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

The agency is requesting \$3,492,000 to continue the historic county courthouse grant program. The program is a match between state funds and county governments, resulting in each grant award leveraging additional investment. This program creates jobs within the communities, increases the economy of that community and creates tourism.

**Project Description**

*What is the proposed project?*

The current Historic County Courthouse Grants Program is requesting \$3,492,000 to continue the historic county courthouse grant program. The program is a match between state funds and county governments, resulting in each grant award leveraging additional investment. This program has the strong support of the Washington State Association of Counties.

Funding the program at \$3,492,000 will provide grant assistance to nine counties statewide, as summarized in the following table:

Spokane
\$625,000
Pacific
\$370,000
Grant
\$1,509,000
Columbia
\$11,000
Clallam
\$100,000
Lewis
\$75,000
Jefferson
\$250,000
Klickitat
\$300,000
Adams
\$252,000
Total:
*\$3,492,000

The total of all requests and administrative costs \$3,597,000

Funding the program at \$3,597,000 will generate nearly \$8,200,000 in historic county courthouse rehabilitation which will result in the creation/support of over 320 jobs in the following fields: masonry (general masonry work, as well as masonry restoration for bricks, sandstone, terrazzo, granite and other finish masonry), general and finish carpentry, roofing, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, painting, window fabrication & installation (including restoration of leaded glass and other ornamental window treatment), drywall, sheet metal, earthwork/excavation, crane operation, general contracting and engineering, architecture and others.

In 2005, the Legislature established the Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant program in response to a statewide survey that determined 33 of the state's county courthouses are of architectural and historic merit. These courthouses have over \$90 million of need in capital improvements. The Legislature allocated \$5 million in the 2005-07 and 2007-09 capital budgets, \$2 million in the 2009-11 budget, \$750,000 in the 2011-13 budget, and \$2M again in the 2013-15 budget. Since the program's inception, 80 applications have been submitted requesting over \$32.5 million dollars. Fifty-three grants have been awarded to twenty-five counties statewide, representing an investment of more than \$14.7 million by the state. This investment has leveraged nearly \$39.5 million in overall capital improvements through courthouse rehabilitation projects. Sales tax revenue generated statewide through the courthouse program is estimated to be over \$3.3 million.

The principle problem being addressed is the physical needs of historic county courthouses in Washington State. These

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courthouses represent the history of the state at the local and regional level. The State's funding ensures that county courthouses are rehabilitated or restored using the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, are ADA compliant, and are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or the Washington Heritage Register. By investing in the historic character of county courthouses, the state prolongs the useable life of the facility, acknowledges the rich history of the state's local government, saves significant buildings from demolition by neglect and reuses existing resources in a sustainable manner. Preservation and reuse of historic buildings reduces resource and material consumption, puts less waste in landfills, and consumes less energy than demolishing buildings. Investment in the continued use of civic buildings is an investment in sustainability. Historic preservation means environmental, cultural and economic benefits for Washington communities.

Continued funding of this grant program will increase the number and scale of historic county courthouse rehabilitation projects, enrich the heritage resource inventory of the state and ensure the survival of historic county courthouses. Investing in preservation projects has a significant positive impact on local economies through job creation, increased tax revenue and heritage tourism. Funding stimulates local economies, creates jobs in the construction field, increases the historic preservation profile of the state, and prevents demolition and waste. As historic preservation tends to be detailed work, the majority of the material and labor is local. Furthermore, preservation projects are typically labor intensive rather than materials intensive, resulting in a larger proportion of expenditures committed to hiring local workers than with new construction projects. This program acknowledges the importance of the history of local government in Washington.

Funding also results in increased energy efficiency for historic courthouses, enabling them to better perform in terms of energy use. Retrofitting existing courthouses with energy efficient systems is a far better alternative to constructing a new building. A new building, even one with the highest efficiency performance ratings possible, still consumes a tremendous amount of energy during construction. Rehabilitation of existing courthouses retains and harnesses all of the energy utilized in the original construction of these courthouses.

This grant program is one of DAHP's flagship preservation programs. This is the only source of state funding readily available specifically for historic county courthouses. The extremely competitive Heritage Capital Preservation Funds grants program through the Washington State Historical Society is available for courthouse projects, but competition with other arts and heritage projects makes awarding funds to courthouses difficult. A dedicated source of funding to historic county courthouses is important because of the unique nature of the historic resources and the need to ensure historic preservation standards are maintained. The program supports all three of the agency's goals as outlined in the Statewide Preservation Plan, 2014-2019.

**What opportunity or problem is driving this request?**

The problem driving this request is the millions of dollars required to properly restore and rehabilitate the state's historic county courthouses, particularly during a time of economic difficulty. Due to the cost and logistical challenges of historic rehabilitation, preservation is often de-incentivized and important resources like courthouses fall into disrepair. Additionally, more recent needs related to security and social justice require counties to find creative solutions for making courthouses safe and accessible to all. The same holds true for energy efficiency. It can be a difficult design problem to replace outdated mechanical and electrical equipment with updated, high-performing systems without impacting historic features. The courthouse grant program creates case studies in sustainability as projects improve building performance while enhancing historic and architectural character.

It is imperative that courthouses implement these solutions in a manner compatible with their significant historic character. These buildings, when no longer in use as courthouses, can still be important tools in community revitalization, especially when adaptively reused. Investment in these structures encourages communities to think creatively about the use of their historic assets in community planning and their response to sustainability goals and principles. Many of the courthouses are in downtown areas so their continued existence is critical for the locally based surrounding businesses.

Historic preservation is a proven strategy that encourages economic growth, increases energy efficiency and reduces carbon emissions. Historic preservation supports locally based jobs and companies. It increases tax revenue for the state and local communities through local sales. Historic preservation also supports heritage tourism efforts. As historic county courthouses are located in 33 out of 39 counties, a grants program has the ability to bring local economic stimulus through preservation to almost every part of the state.

**How does the project support the agency and statewide results?**

The program directly supports the state's economy by stimulating local economies throughout the state through job creation, increased tax revenue, reduced energy consumption and increased tourism.

This project supports the agency's mission to combine historic preservation with economic development. According to the *Washington State Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation Study*, every \$1 million spent on historic rehabilitation creates 28 jobs. Funding this program will assist the agricultural economy and create local income multipliers by keeping work in the

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affected county. The state's sustainability initiatives are also served by this program, as the grants provide incentives for the maintenance and increased energy efficiency of historic buildings, a green practice. Rehabilitation reduces the waste stream to landfills and promotes the recycling of existing structures. Historic county courthouse rehabilitation supports two DAHP activities: preserving and enhancing historic places and protecting archaeological and cultural resources.

This project meets all of the goals in the Washington State Historic Preservation Plan, including:

- Goal 1 Revitalize communities by actively engaging historic preservation with other forces shaping our environment. The Historic County Courthouse Grant program, when combined with other such efforts, becomes an even more powerful tool for economic development. It also connects to other community and economic development strategies such as sustainability, energy efficiency, and heritage tourism. This grant program is also closely tied to other DAHP revitalization programs such as the Main Street, historic preservation tax incentives, and Certified Local Government programs.

- Goal 2 Engage a broad spectrum of the public in preservation by improving access to information. DAHP tracks data on the Historic County Courthouse Grant program demonstrating its economic impact on local and state economy. Tracked data includes job creation and sales tax revenues. This directly relates to strategy 2.A.ii. *Provide state and local elected officials with resources and information on existing successes and opportunities to support expanding policy at the state and local levels.*

- Goal 3 Strengthen policies and planning processes to enhance informed decision-making for managing historic and cultural resources. The Historic County Courthouse Grant program has proven to be an important tool for preservationists to engage with local decision-makers and new stakeholders in a positive approach. This is directly relates to strategy 3.A.(i) *Create a systemic way to regularly engage with federal, state, and local agencies to raise the profile of historic preservation concerns and impacts to cultural and historic resources...*

This program directly fulfills the statewide strategy of improving cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state. The agency's strategy is to preserve and protect cultural and recreational opportunities through three activities. Each of these activities is enhanced by this program:

- Preserving and enhancing historic places through county courthouse preservation
- Creating and managing cultural resource data through extensive documentation of county courthouses
- Protecting archaeological and/or historic resources by preventing the loss of valuable structures

**What are the specific benefits of this project?**

Investment in historic preservation has significant positive economic impacts. It creates locally based jobs, circulates expenditures within the local economy, increases tax revenue, decreases energy consumption and encourages tourism. These local jobs would be created throughout the state. The accrued effect of many courthouse repairs increases Washington's status as a heritage tourism destination, increasing tourism across the state as a whole.

The grant program will directly purchase \$3,492,000 in repairs and rehabilitation for historic county courthouses. As a matching grant program, an additional \$4,366,274 in repairs and rehabilitation will be invested by other parties, resulting in a total investment of over \$7,800,000. These repairs will increase the useable life of historic county courthouses, improve economic activity in the area, preserve the state's local government functions and enhance Washington's heritage profile.

A study on county courthouses in 2005 identified over \$90 million in repairs needed by historic county courthouses in the state. This project will directly help alleviate that need. There are 33 historic county courthouses distributed nearly evenly throughout the state. These grants make rehabilitation of these properties a viable option, extending the useable life of historic structures, and affirming the state's commitment to protecting cultural resources.

**How will clients be affected and services changed if this project is funded?**

Continued funding of this grant program will have a positive effect on the many involved clients. Grants leverage matching dollars and significantly improve the condition of county courthouses, which are highly visible civil icons and sources of civic pride. The Washington State Association of Counties has made this program a priority for continuation.

The local economies receiving these grants experience a financial improvement due to job creation, sales tax revenues, and increased tourism. The majority of the building supplies for preservation projects are locally sourced, while rehabilitation projects are more labor intensive, drawing largely from the local workforce. These attributes amplify the local effect of the preservation grants.

DAHP contracts for the administration of these grants. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation has done this work at minimal cost. This project will allow for the continuation of existing services without adding additional FTEs.

**How will the other state programs or units of government be affected if this project is funded?**

In cases where county courthouses are still active government buildings, this program can be a capital improvement to those

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facilities. This program does not directly affect other state units of government. But this program can be used in conjunction with Energy Efficiency grants through the Department of Commerce. This provides counties an opportunity to couple courthouse grants with energy efficiency grants, resulting in a more comprehensive rehabilitation project. In this way, the courthouse program facilitates the use of other state incentive programs. In every case, grants help stimulate local government by increasing tax revenues and tourism.

This program is central to DAHP's functions and is one of the agency's flagship expenditure programs. This program supplements the Heritage Capital Grants Program run by the Washington State Historical Society and the Heritage Barn Grants program run by DAHP to provide the majority of preservation grant funding in the state. It will improve economic activity in many government jurisdictions.

**What is the impact on the state operating budget?**

The request will have no impact upon the state operating budget.

**Why is this the best option or alternative?**

There are three alternatives to funding this project.

- The first is to fund at this level but require DAHP to administer it with an FTE. This would be more expensive than the current program because of the cost of an additional FTE.
- The second alternative is to fund this program at a reduced amount. This would lower the amount of grants awarded in the program and the amount of matching funds. Fewer grants would be awarded, with priority going to those counties at the top of the table provided above. The net effect would be the reduction of preservation efforts in the state, the potential loss of important heritage resources and the creation of fewer local jobs.
- The third alternative is to not fund this project. This would end the statewide program to protect and preserve heritage icons of local government. There would be no job creation, no local benefit, and no increase in energy efficiency. Courthouses would continue to suffer from benign neglect creating great funding requirements in the future.

This cost is consistent with other preservation grants programs.

**What is the agency's proposed funding strategy for the project?**

The agency proposes a \$3,597,000 capital appropriation for the historic country courthouse program. A capital fund appropriation is the only viable financing option. The state's investment is matched. In-kind materials and labor count towards the match.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

Grant Recipient Organization: County Governments

RCW that establishes grant: 27.34

**Application process used**

Grant awards reviewed and approved by the Courthouse Steering Committee.

**Growth Management impacts**

None

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2015-17 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	3,597,000				3,597,000

355 - Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
Capital Project Request

2015-17 Biennium

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Version: BR 15-17 DAHP Capital Budget Request

Report Number: CBS002

Date Run: 8/29/2014 11:43AM

Project Number: 30000010

Project Title: Historic County Courthouse Grants Program

<b>Funding</b>					
Total					
	3,597,000	0	0	0	3,597,000
	<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>				
	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>	
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State					
Total	0	0	0	0	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

# Capital Project Request

2015-17 Biennium

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<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Entered As</u>	<u>Interpreted As</u>
Biennium	2015-17	2015-17
Agency	355	355
Version	BR-A	BR-A
Project Classification	*	All Project Classifications
Capital Project Number	30000010	30000010
Sort Order	Project Priority	Priority
Include Page Numbers	Y	Yes
For Word or Excel	N	N
User Group	Agency Budget	Agency Budget
User Id	*	All User Ids