

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

Our history has given Idahoans a sense of direction from the beginning. Eighteen years after the Idaho Territory was established in the midst of civil war and westward expansion, and nine years before statehood in 1890, a roomful of early settlers created the Historical Society of Idaho Pioneers. As technology and time itself accelerated in the late nineteenth century, several of these founders sensed how much of their own heritage was about to be lost and how much native heritage remained to be discovered. Their efforts led to the establishment of the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) as a state agency in 1907.

The society has evolved in its first century to an extraordinary system of cultural and historic resources, comprised of the Idaho State Historical Museum, Public Archives and Research Library, State Historic Preservation Office, Historic Sites Program, and Agency Administration. Under the direction of a board of seven trustees, who represent the judicial districts of the state and with support from the Foundation for Idaho History, a staff of fifty professionals and 200 volunteers, and facilities statewide, the society now serves annually more than 100,000 people on-site and reaches an additional 700,000 on its web site.

The **Idaho State Historical Museum** is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is the largest and most visited museum in the state. Its many interactive programs add value to the state, illuminating Idaho's history through public programs which are authentic, relevant and exciting for children, students, families, adults, tourists, and newcomers.

The **Idaho History Center** in Boise houses the agency's administrative office, and the **Public Archives and Research Library** provides public and scholarly access to holdings in many media dealing with Idaho history, local history, and genealogy. These include manuscripts, state archives, books, periodicals, oral history interviews, films and videos, microfilms, and maps. The Office of the State Historian is located in north Idaho, in Moscow.

This **Historic Sites** program oversees sites at Pierce, Franklin, Rock Creek, and Boise. These include the old federal Assay Office, a national historic landmark, where the State Historic Preservation Office is located and the old federal Bureau of Reclamation building on Broadway Avenue, which we lease to Foothills International Baccalaureate School.

Under the terms of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the **State Historic Preservation Office** administers the National Register of Historic Places and the state's historic and archaeological site inventories, the certified local government program, and the tax incentive program, and carries out federal project review duties. In 1992 the state legislature established the Archaeological Survey of Idaho with collections repositories in Pocatello, Boise, and Moscow.

Mission Statement

Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) preserves and promotes Idaho's cultural heritage

Vision Statement of Purpose

Our vision is to inspire, enrich and engage all Idahoans by leading the state in preserving and sharing our dynamic cultural heritage.

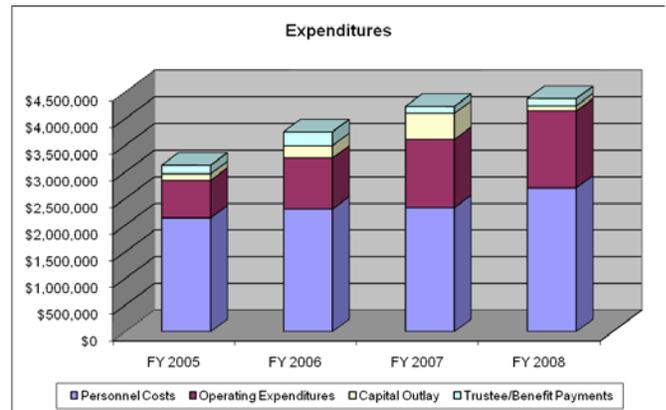
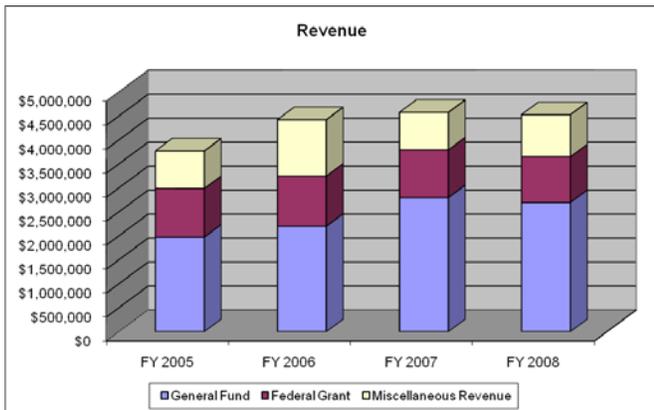
Core Functions/Idaho Code

People have wrested a living from Idaho's remarkable resources for more than 13,000 years. Our state has a rich history and prehistory, and the Idaho State Historical Society is charged with responsibility for its preservation and promotion in accordance with Chapters 41 and 46 of Title 67 of the Idaho Code and other statutory capacity assigned by Titles 9, 14, 27, 31, 33, 50, 49, 58, and 63. The society serves as an agency of the State Board of Education, with oversight provided by a seven member board of trustees.

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
General Fund	\$1,973,800	\$2,200,000	\$2,797,700	2,696,900
Federal Grant	\$1,015,000	\$1,047,400	996,900	953,300
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$780,500	\$1,175,000	779,600	876,300
Total	\$3,769,300	\$4,422,400	\$4,574,200	4,526,500

Expenditure	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personnel Costs	\$2,134,900	\$2,303,206	\$2,329,900	2,697,900
Operating Expenditures	\$707,600	\$956,995	1,278,200	1,443,800
Capital Outlay	\$121,300	\$233,269	488,300	97,900
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$161,800	\$258,012	132,400	135,700
Total	\$3,125,600	\$3,751,482	\$4,228,800	4,375,300



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Number of Public Archives/Research Library Patrons Served	11,428	10,828	12,458	15,354
Number of Paid Visitors to the Historical Museum Per Annum	21,845	32,600	26,979	32,735
Number of Students (K-12) Served by Educational Programs at the Historical Museum	5,200	14,758	14,537	15,000
Number of Students Participating in Idaho History Day Contest	992	1,213	1,100	1,100
SHPO federal project reviews	1,185	1,152	1,010	1,151
Number of Paid visitors to the Old Pen Site	NA	21,043	23,852	23,539

Performance Highlights

Promoting Responsible Government

- So that it could become more connected with affiliated institutions and colleagues in Idaho, ISHS began a new Community Forum initiative in 2007. The goal of this program was to create a conversation with constituents statewide, provide an ISHS agency update and information about national initiatives, and hear the concerns, needs, and successes of cultural colleagues and their programs. In FY 2008, we conducted community forums in Jerome, Rupert, Hailey, Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Weiser, Franklin, and Sandpoint.
- Society staff served on the Capitol Commission coordinated the inventory and transfer of statehouse art, furniture, and records and planned for the restoration of historic materials. Staff also coordinated with all

agency personnel within the statehouse. Working jointly with the State Records Center, ISHS staff implemented records training for statehouse agency staff, housed all statehouse agency records, cataloged records, and provided daily courier service for all agencies displaced by the renovation.

- In FY 2008, 21% of the Idaho State Historical Society's expenditures, amounting to \$920,564.62, were funded by grants. Leveraging some general funds with grants has allowed the society to accomplish the following:
 - Restoration and repair of historic sites - \$138,700
 - Creating a statewide digital consortium - \$84,900
 - Processing and indexing of Idaho Penitentiary inmates files - \$75,941
 - Operate State Historic Preservation Office - \$619,100
 - Create a Freemason Exhibit at Historical Museum - \$5,000
 - Fund Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail - \$14,800
 - Conduct research at pre-historic Cougar Bar - \$15,100
 - Collect Archeological Data - \$26,900
 - Operate Children's Summer Camp - \$6,200
- The Idaho State Historical Museum was awarded national accreditation by the American Association of Museums. Accreditation is a widely recognized seal of approval; less than 10% of our nation's museums enjoy this credential! Accredited status signifies that a museum fulfills its obligations to the public as set forth in its mission and recognizes a museum's commitment to excellence, public service, accountability, and high professional standards.
- Idaho Receives American Association for State and Local History Awards – Since 1904, the American Association of State and Local History has served as the only comprehensive national organization dedicated to the fields of state and local history. AASLH Awards of Merit went to two Idaho groups in 2008: Idaho Transportation Department for the preservation and restoration of the Rainbow Bridge on Highway 55 and Timberline High School for the Boise Architecture Project, a student project to record Boise architectural styles. State Historian and Associate Director Keith Petersen served as the Regional Director of the AASLH Awards Program, where he represented the states of Idaho, Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. Idaho State Co-Chairs included State Historic Preservation Office (ISHS) staff members Suzi Pengilly and Shelby Day.
- ISHS established a formal partnership with Idaho's five tribes to assist the agency in interpretation of historic sites, exhibition development and related projects.

Enhancing Economic Opportunity

- Plans to expand its State Historical Museum by 40,000 square feet, culminating in a new 75,000 square foot museum: Museum expansion will meet the needs of Idahoans and provide additional value to the state through the creation of a world-class museum which will be a place of learning for families, educators and children. New auditorium and classroom space will allow the Idaho State Historical Society to enhance educational opportunities for the Treasure Valley and statewide.
- The museum collaborated with Idaho's Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to feature "Lincoln and Idaho" and "Forever Free," two exhibits on the life of Abraham Lincoln. Featuring the sixteenth president of the United States, the Lincoln and Idaho exhibit is currently traveling the state.
- The Pacific Northwest Historic Preservation Field School is a partnership between our Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Idaho State Parks, Washington and Oregon SHPOs and State Parks, the National Park Service and the University of Oregon. This year, the field school was hosted at Heyburn Lake State Park (the first state park in the northwest), and the park benefited by condition assessment of all structures within the park and the complete restoration of one of the large, historic Civilian Conservation Corps picnic shelters. This project realized three times the benefit of its materials investment, saving the state of Idaho approximately \$150,000 through in-kind labor; it strengthened partnerships and camaraderie between agencies, preserved these historic buildings and developed the skills of the 46 students from Idaho and from throughout the country

Empowering Idahoans

- Idaho students Joel, Isaac and Jordan Diann Schaefer (Coeur d’Alene) and Chloe Peterson and Silas Domy (Kellog) received special recognition at this year’s National History Day competition at College Park, Maryland, June 15-19. Sponsored in Idaho by the Idaho State Historical Society under the direction of the State History Museum, National History Day engages thousands of Idaho students in history each year, providing them with an opportunity that challenges their creativity and instills leadership while meeting new graduation requirements.
- In response to needs expressed through ISHS community forums and a recent study by the Idaho Association of Museums, the board of trustees has implemented a Community Enhancement Grant pilot program to provide financial support for collections care and preservation, enhancement of public access/interpretation, and development of a vibrant statewide cultural industry.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	Benchmark
Number of Daily Page Views on the Web Site (average time spent 23 minutes per user session)	1,197	1,973	2,101	2316	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Number of Paid Visitors to Historical Museum and Old Penitentiary	41,396	53,643	50,831	56,274	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Number of Children Served by Educational Programs at the Museum	5,200	14,758	14,537	15,000	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Number of Federal Projects Reviewed for Compliance With Section 106 and Done Within 30 day Deadline *	1,185	1,152	1,010	1,151	100%
Cubic Feet of Material Added to the Public Archives	4649	6020	6,423	4,397	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Idaho Historical and Archaeological Sites added to the Archeological Survey of Idaho	1,068	1,112	907	908	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year

Performance Measure Notes:

*Federal Section 106 compliance reviews determine potential impact to culture properties. The Idaho State Historic Preservation Office assists federal agencies (and serves as a “monitor” on behalf of the citizens of Idaho) to insure that federal projects comply with federal law. All Section 106 reviews must be completed within 30 days.

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