# *Part I – Agency Profile*

**Agency Overview**

Our mission is to preserve and promote Idaho history, which is authorized through 74 state statutory mandates and the National Historic Preservation Act.

21 states, including Idaho, deploy the structural model where the State Historical Society, an executive branch Agency, administers the Core Programs of State Archives and State Records Center, State Museum, State Historic Preservation Office, and State Historic Sites. This consolidated structure advances expertise sharing, leveraging of fiscal and human resources, cross marketing, and comprehensive fundraising, resulting in a highly efficient organization.

The Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) creates value by stewarding irreplaceable state-owned collections, providing information and understanding about Idaho history, stipulating local voice to federal decision making with regard to Idaho’s cultural and archaeological resources, supporting Idaho’s educational and curriculum needs through informal and applied learning opportunities, serving as the official repository for the state’s permanent government records, and providing records management services to over 30 state agencies.

**Mission Statement:**

Idaho State Historical Society preserves and promotes Idaho history.

**Vision:**

Our vision is to make history essential and accessible through dynamic and gratifying services that inspire, enrich, and engage all Idahoans.

**Values:**

Customer Service

* ISHS is responsive to the needs of its customers
* ISHS advances the Agency through innovation
* ISHS is seen as a trustworthy resource
* ISHS owns customer requests
* ISHS exceeds expectations

Stewardship

* ISHS collects, preserves, and provides access to State-owned archaeological and historical artifacts, sites, and archival materials
* ISHS represents a statewide and national perspective and collects materials to represent all Idahoans

Education

* ISHS teaches and promotes essential historical literacy and the historical thinking process through its public programs
* ISHS develops programs based on customer needs with focused outcomes

Professionalism

* ISHS is committed to making history an essential resource for the people of Idaho through both traditional and innovative services that respond to social needs
* ISHS is committed to team unity and mutual respect among its staff, board, partners, and volunteers
* We demonstrate genuine passion for work through enthusiasm and excellence through accordance with professional standards

***Advancing the State***

The Agency aligns its services with identified state needs, including Governor Little’s vision to “make Idaho the place where our children and grandchildren choose to stay, and for the ones who have left to choose to return.”

**Core Functions/Idaho Code**

**Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 26,** states that the Idaho State Historical Society is within the Department of Self-governing Agencies (67-2601).

**Idaho Code 67-4126** states that the agency’s trustees shall:

* Identify, preserve, and protect sites, monuments, and points of interest in Idaho of historic merit (67-4114)
* Protect archaeological and vertebrate paleontological sites and resources on public land (67-4119)
* Govern the agency and administer the powers and duties required to preserve and protect any historical record of the history and culture of Idaho” (67-4126)
  + Senate Bill 1011 (2009), passed by the Senate and House and signed into law by the governor April 14, 2009, defines “historical record” as “any record, artifact, object, historical or archaeological site or structure, document, evidence, or public or private writing pursuant to the provisions of title 9, Idaho Code, relevant to the history of the state of Idaho”
* Encourage and promote interest in the history of Idaho (67-4126 [2])
* Collect, preserve, and exhibit artifacts and information illustrative of Idaho history, culture, and society
* (67-4126 [3])
* Facilitate the use of Idaho records for official reference and historical research (67-4126 [6])
* Be responsible for records management services for state government (67-4126 [7])
* Accept archival material from governments (67-4126 [8])
* Identify historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural sites, buildings, or districts, and coordinate activities of local historic preservation commissions (67-4126 [14])
* Serve as the Geographic Names Board of the state (67-4126 [15])

**Idaho Code 67-4114** gives authority to the agency to carry out the preservation and protection of the state’s historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural heritage resources.

**Idaho Code 33-3902** provides for the creation of an Idaho Archaeological Survey and designates the State Archaeologist as director.

**Idaho Code 27-501** assigns responsibilities to the agency for consultation, determination of appropriate actions, and provision for re-interment of human remains that have been disturbed.

**National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended,** assigns responsibility to the state historic preservation officer foradministration of the National Historic Preservation Program at the state level.

**Revenue and Expenditures**

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| **Revenue** | **FY 2021** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** |
| General Fund | $3,671,100 | $4,092,600 | $8,972,300 |  |
| Federal Grant | $795,100 | $943,200 | $1,182,900 |  |
| ARP Act SLFRF | $0.00 | $0.00 | $39,100 |  |
| CARES Act NEH Federal Grant | $141,000 | $0.00 | $0.00 |  |
| ARP Act NEH/IHC Federal Grant | $0.00 | $118,900 | $81,100 |  |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | $1,165,000 | $1,399,600 | $1,879,600 |  |
| Capitol Commission Operating | $125,100 | $126,500 | $132,200 |  |
| Records Center | $255,700 | $258,300 | $263,500 |  |
| **Total** | **$6,153,000** | **$6,939,100** | **$12,550,700** |  |
| **Expenditures** | **FY 2021** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** |
| Personnel Costs | $3,745,800 | $4,081,600 | $4,455,300 |  |
| Operating Expenditures | $2,242,200 | $2,462,100 | $7,379,500 |  |
| Capital Outlay | $69,700 | $209,400 | $221,500 |  |
| Trustee/Benefit Payments | $124,400 | $171,400 | $148,100 |  |
| **Total** | **$6,182,100** | **$6,924,500** | **$12,204,400** |  |

**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

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| **Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | **FY 2021** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** |
| Number of public inquiries: research requests served by Idaho State Archives | 2,647\* | 2,850\* | 2804 |  |
| Number of public inquiries: research requests served by Idaho State Records Center | 1,446\* | 1,432\* | 1583 |  |
| Average turnaround time for records retrieval by Idaho State Record Center | ≤2 | ≤2 | ≤2 |  |
| Number of unique government record inventory accounts at the Idaho State Archives and State Record Center | 474 | 479 | 480 |  |
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| Paid general visitation and event participation at the Idaho State Museum (ISM) (*total museum admission, field trips, public programming, education programs).* | 16,310\* | 30,497\* | 37,470 |  |
| Number of students (K-12) served through educational programs at the ISM including field trips, summer camps, workshops, *and trunks*. | 1,495\* | 6,710\* | 9,353 |  |
| Number of students (K-12) served at the ISM through the Ray Knight Field Trip Fund |  |  | 1,617 |  |
| National History Day in Idaho (NHD) student participation   * FY23 Regional Competition 863 * FY23 State Competition 257 * FY23 National Competition 51 | 951\* | 2,760\* | 1171 |  |
| Reduced admission ISM program participants: r*emoved Title 1 schools and broke out to Ray Knight.*   * First Thursdays * Virtual programs * Lectures * Blue Star Museum | 2,426\* | 2,966\* | 1,841 |  |
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| Paid general visitation and event participation at the Old Idaho Penitentiary (OP) | 52,033\* | 70,007\* | 71,793 |  |
| Number of students (K-12) served through educational programs at the OP including field trips, workshop | 8,762\* | 5,678\* | 9,583 |  |
| Number of students (K-12) served at the OP through the Ray Knight Field Trip Fund |  |  | 2,969 |  |
| Reduced admissions Old Idaho Pen program participation   * Blue Star Museum * Dollar Day * Pre-K | 2,206\* | 4,379\* | 2,354 |  |
| Visitation at Franklin, Pierce, and Stricker Sites (est.)   * 2023 Change in visitation numbers due to adjusted hours of operation | 6,327\* | 6,697\* | 4,952 |  |
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| ISHS Membership Program | 656\* | 829\* | 834 |  |
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| SHPO federal project reviews | 1,007 | 1,038 | 933 |  |
| SHPO record searches completed | 519 | 475 | 497 |  |
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| Statewide Total Grant Recipients[[1]](#footnote-2) | 38 | 43 | 33 |  |

**\*FY 2023 Program attendance and visitation impacted by COVID-19**

***Part II – Performance Measures***

| **Performance Measure** | | **FY 2021** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
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| **Strategic Goal 3: Family Building - Build internal capacity and external champions through community connections, relevant and strategic partnerships, targeted promotion, and an agency-wide culture of collaboration.**  *Develop and execute agency-wide marketing and outreach plans in collaboration with Leadership Team, Program Managers, CommDev Team, Trustees, and Foundation for Idaho History.*    *Digital Footprint and Membership Program.* | | | | | | |
| 1. Annual Website Page Views | Actual | 753,068 | 640,635 | 909,570 |  |  |
| *Target* | *Increase by 10%* | *Increase by 40% to 1,054,296* | *Increase by 10% to 704,600* | *Increase by 4.4% to 950,000* |  |
| 1. Agency Social Media Followers[[2]](#footnote-3) | Actual | 42,394 | 48,289 | 53,900 |  |  |
| *Target* | *Increase by 19.3%* | *Increase by 21.5% to 51,510* | *Increase by 8.4% to 52,354* | *Increase by 8.4% to 55,864* |  |
| Strategic Goal 1: Agency Anchors - Coalesce agency-wide resources to maximize institutional impact, strengthen the connection between Idahoans and their state’s history, and leverage ongoing community and customer engagement. *Identify and plan for regularly occurring events and celebrations that leverage our agency’s resources, strengthen our market share, and encourage ongoing community engagement.* National History Day In Idaho Program (NHD). | | | | | | |
| 1. NHD in Idaho students advancing through competition levels | Actual | 234 of 663 participated in state contest  35.2% advanced to state  54 of 234 participated in national contest  23% advanced to national | 345 of 1,172 participated in state contest    29% advanced to state  57 of 345 advanced to national  16% advanced to national | 257 of 1,172  participated in state contest  21.9%  % advanced to state  51 of 257  advanced to national  19.8%  advanced to national |  |  |
| *Target* | *Increase 10% of regional participants to state level competition; 5% of state level participates to national level* | *Increase 10% of regional participants to state level competition; 5% of state level participates to national level[[3]](#footnote-4)* | *24 of 44 counties represented for NHD student participants[[4]](#footnote-5)* |  |  |
| ***Strategic Goal #2: Programs and Services - Advance innovative and unique program opportunities that create knowledge, expand access, deliver essential services, inspire learning, and grow revenue.***  *Satisfy all statutory and mandatory service obligations, maintaining relationships with other federal, state, and municipal entities through effective implementation of national and state law.*  *Re-granting Programs including Community Enhancement Grants (CEG), Certified Local Government Grants (CLG), State Historic Records Advisory Board Grants (SHRAB), and Governor’s Lewis and Clark Committee Grants.* | | | | | | |
| 1. Funds re-granted for heritage infrastructure to local jurisdictions | Actual | $124,384 | $171,407 | $148,100 |  |  |
| *Target* | *As required by law or program policy* | *As required by law or program policy* | *As required by law or program policy* |  |  |
| Stategic Goal 1: Agency Anchors - Coalesce agency-wide resources to maximize institutional impact, strengthen the connection between Idahoans and their state’s history, and leverage ongoing community and customer engagement. *Maximize historic state milestones, national-level anniversaries and commemorations, and relevant history to strengthen agency visibility.*  *Idaho Women 100 Initiative and 150 Years of Mining History* | | | | | | |
| 1. Agency Anchor Programming Partnership Reach[[5]](#footnote-6) | Actual | 15 organizations statewide | 5 organizations statewide | 5 organizations statewide |  |  |
| *Target* | *Maintain partnership agreements with 13 total organizations* | *Secure partnership agreements with 5 organizations* | *Secure partnership agreements with 5 organizations* |  |  |
| **Strategic Goal 2: Programs and Services - Advance innovative and unique program opportunities that create knowledge, expand access, deliver essential services, inspire learning, and grow revenue.**  *Satisfy all statutory and mandatory service obligations, maintaining relationships with other federal, state, and municipal entities through effective implementation of national and state law.*  *Provide Idaho voice to federal decision making through required Section 106 review of federal project.* | | | | | | |
| 1. Percentage of federal projects reviewed for compliance with Section 106 within required federal timeline | Actual | *955 of 1,007 completed within timeline*  *94.8%*  *compliance* | *995 of 1,038 completed within timeline*  *95.99%*  *compliance* | *905 of 933*  *completed within timeline*  *97.0%*  *compliance* |  |  |
|  | *Target* | *100% Compliance* | *100% Compliance* | *100% Compliance* |  |  |
| **Strategic Goal 2: Programs and Services - Advance innovative and unique program opportunities that create knowledge, expand access, deliver essential services, inspire learning, and grow revenue.**  *Advance ISHS as an essential resource for learning, education, research, and resources on Idaho history.*  *Digital Resources and Permanent Records.* | | | | | | |
| 1. Global Reach of Chronicling America Digitized Newspaper Project | Actual | *275,410* | *259,476* | 208,278 |  |  |
|  | *Target* | *Increase global page views by 8%* | *Increase global page views by 8%* | *Increase global page views by 8%* |  |  |
| 1. Idaho-based computers accessing Chronicling America content | Actual | *500,459* | *456,296* | *366,850* |  |  |
|  |  | *Increase*  *Idaho-based page views by*  *2%* | *Increase*  *Idaho-based page views by*  *2%* | *Increase*  *Idaho-based page views by*  *2%* |  |  |
| 1. Number of Idaho’s legislative districts represented in government records at ISA and SRC | Actual | *100% of legislative*  *districts are represented in government records holdings at ISA and SRC* | *100% of legislative*  *districts are represented in government records holdings at ISA and SRC* | *100% of legislative*  *districts are represented in government records holdings at ISA and SRC* |  |  |
|  | *Target* | *Maintain 100% representation* | *Maintain 100% representation* | *Maintain 100% representation* |  |  |
| 1. Global Reach of Idaho Yesterdays Digitized Scholarly Articles on Jstor | Actual |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | *Target* | *\_\_\_\_\_\_* | *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* | *1,000 digital downloads[[6]](#footnote-7)* |  |  |
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1. Regrant program includes dollars regranted through State Historic Advisory Board (SHRAB), ISHS Community Enhancement Grants program, Governor’s Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, and SHPO Certified Local Government program [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The agency’s social media footprint includes twelve accounts across four platforms: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Agency has maintained the same goal since FY 2021 on this metric due to uncertainty of COVID-19 with school children. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Beginning in FY2023, Agency will begin tracking a new metric for National History Day (NHD). Instead of looking at the performance measure of students advancing from regional competition to state and from state to nationals, we will be gauging the statewide reach of the program by representation of students by Idaho county. The FY22 baseline for NHD representation was 23 counties. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Agency anchor programming theme and focus changes year-over-year. Current attestation report includes data for two agency anchor programs. FYs 2019-2021 reflects *Idaho Women 100*; FY 2023 target reflects *150 Years of Mining History* in Idaho. The agency did not employ an agency anchors program prior to FY 2020. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. The agency began tracking this metric in FY 2024. The unit is individual article download. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)