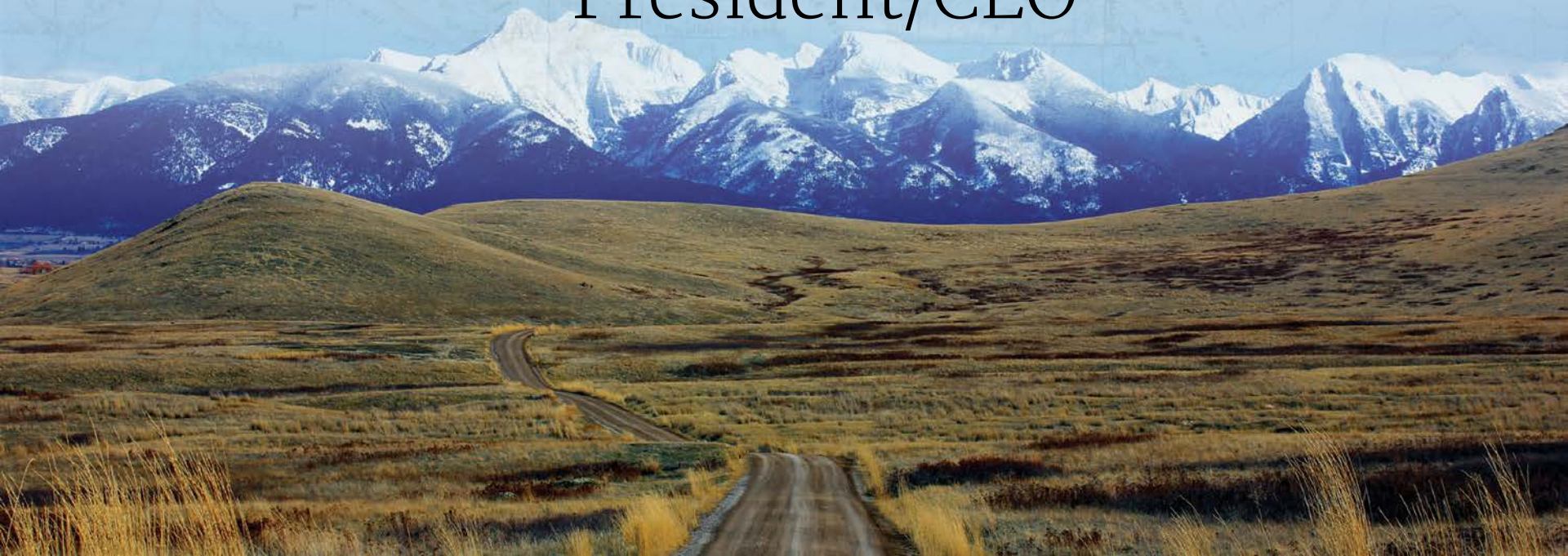




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Charlene Porsild  
President/CEO



# History Foundation (est. 1985)

- Independent 501(c)(3)
- Diverse board of directors
- Small staff based in Helena



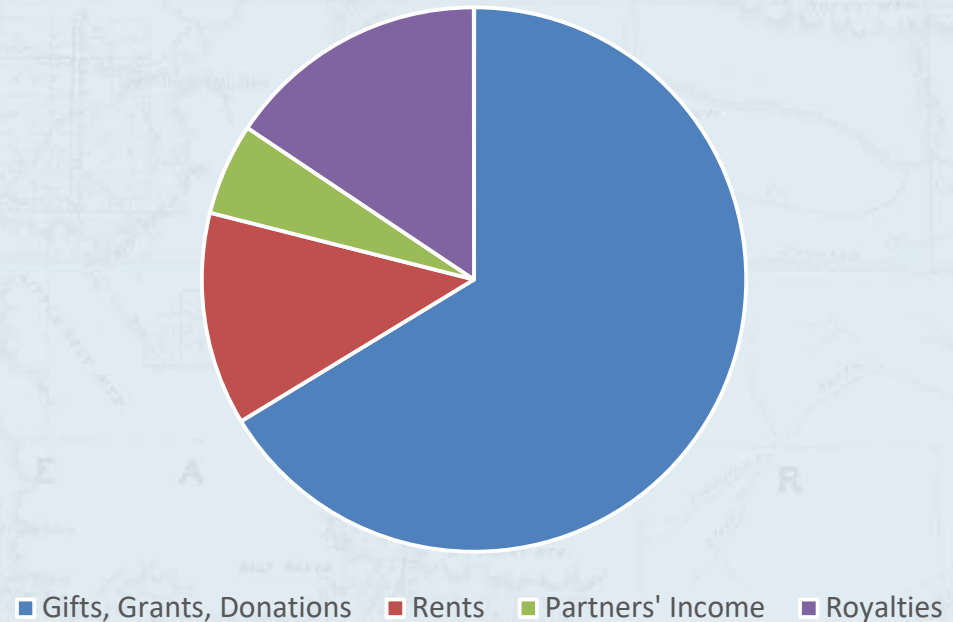
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# History Foundation Revenue

- Donations, gifts and grants
- Royalties & resource leases
- Earned income from rents and fees
- Investment income for partners

MHF Income Fiscal Year 2015



# What We Do



- Raise money and make grants
- Support historical projects and events
- Assist local organizations by serving as fiscal agents for grants, projects, and endowments
- Help preserve Montana history, project-by-project from one end of the state to another
- Grant over \$125K of privately raised funds directly into communities across the state annually

# Carnegie Library Project

- Between 1893 and 1919, Andrew Carnegie granted funds & constructed 1,700 free public libraries across the United States.
- In Montana, 17 communities met the requirements and built those libraries



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# Carnegie Libraries Today

## Carnegie Libraries (1901-17)

- 9 active libraries
- 3 art museums (Kalispell, Missoula, Havre)
- 2 occupied by businesses (Bozeman, Chinook)
- 1 vacant (Malta)
- 2 no longer in existence (Great Falls and Glasgow)



Carnegie Library, Big Timber, Montana

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# The Carnegie Library Project

- Book
- Plaques
- Exhibit
- Funds for Historic Preservation



Carnegie Library, Dillon, MT

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# Project Status (02/2018)

- \$30,000 raised
- Fundraising continues
- Historian hired, 5/17 chapters completed
- Photographer contracted for summer 2018
- Working on donated plaques
- Considering a grant request for preservation work on the Missoula Carnegie



Fort Benton Women's Club





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