

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESERVATION IDAHO AND CANYON COUNTY FOR A HISTORIC PRESERVATION MITIGATION BANK IN AID GRANT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into by Preservation Idaho, dba Idaho Historic Preservation Council, Inc. ("PI"), and Canyon County [Grant # HPMB2601] ("Grantee"), effective as of the date of final signature ("Effective Date") and relates to a project to be undertaken by the Grantee, with financial assistance from the Historic Properties Mitigation Bank "HPMB" grant in aid program administered by PI.

PI and the Grantee agree as follows:

1. Application, Project Description and Budget.

Grantee submitted an Application (Attachment A) for Guffey Bridge ("Project") for CY26. PI has reviewed the Application and has determined that PI's HPMB will provide a grant in aid from the to assist Grantee with a portion of costs related to the Project as described in Attachment B ("Project Description"). Grantee hereby agrees to carry out the Project work as described in Attachment B within the budget set forth in Attachment C ("Project Budget"). All funds provided by SHPO for this Project shall be federal funds from the National Park Service. No state funds shall be used under this Agreement.

2. Period of Performance.

HPMB program period shall begin [15 August 2026 and end 30 September 2027]. Work under this Project shall commence after the Effective Date and shall be completed no later than [30 September 2027]. Prior to the Grantee incurring expenses on this Memorandum of Agreement, a fully executed copy of the MOA shall be in place.

3. Allowable Costs.

Allowable Project costs are for items described in Attachment B and are included within the Project Budget set forth on Attachment C. Allowable Project costs shall be documented to the satisfaction of PI:

- a. Be necessary and reasonable for the completion of the Project;
- b. Have been incurred for the Project during the Period of Performance as described in Section 2 of this agreement; and
- c. Meet the Project description outlined in Attachment B.

4. Project Payment.

Type 1:

PI-CFM will award 30% of the grant funds upon execution of the grant agreement. On a case-by-case basis, up to 50% may be awarded. The balance of the funding shall not be paid until project deliverables are submitted and SHPO has determined they meet the Secretary of Interior Standards or SHPO guidelines. Bricks-and-mortar grants shall have a preservation agreement with the Idaho State Historical Society/ID SHPO in place, prior to the final disbursement of funds.

Type 2:

Grant payment will be made upon verification by LHTAC that the project was completed according to approved plans and submission of project invoice.

5. Procurement of Personnel and Services.

Grantee agrees to ensure that work performed related to the Project conforms to Attachments B and C, to all appropriate guidance documents from SHPO, and to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines, available at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/standards.htm>.

6. Interim Reports and Requests for Reimbursement.

At the request of PI, Grantee shall submit to PI interim fiscal and project reports. Reimbursement requests can be made for final funds at the completion of the Project. Grantee shall contact PI immediately in writing if any situation arises that will affect the timely or successful completion of this Project.

7. Indemnification.

To the extent not prohibited by Idaho law, Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless Preservation Idaho, its officers, agents, and employees from and against all liability, claims, damages, losses, expenses, actions, and suits whatsoever, including injury or death of others or any employee of the contractor or subcontractor caused by or arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Grantee in the performance, act or omission of any term of this Agreement.

8. Amendment.

This Agreement shall not be amended without the parties' prior written agreement. Any major alterations, increases, or decreases in the Project or any changes to the Project Budget shall be submitted in writing for review and approval to PI at least 30 days in advance of the proposed Project commencement date and in accordance with the requirements detailed in the SHPO, Idaho State Historical Society, Idaho Certified Local Government Grant Manual, available at: <https://history.idaho.gov/clg/>. SHPO will endeavor to respond to requests for review and approval in writing within 15 days of receipt.

9. Attachments.

All attachments referenced herein and attached hereto are incorporated into the terms of this Agreement.

10. Termination.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon fifteen (15) days' prior written notice. Shall this Agreement be terminated by PI, except for reasons of non-compliance by Grantee, PI will reimburse Grantee for up to 100% of the eligible costs incurred up to the termination date. Shall this Agreement be terminated by Grantee, PI, at its sole and absolute discretion, may reimburse Grantee for up to 100% of the eligible costs incurred prior to the termination date, or may require Grantee to return any or all funds transferred to Grantee prior to the termination date, depending upon the circumstances of the termination.

11. Special Conditions.

PI reserves the right to include any additional special conditions on this Agreement as outlined below:

- a. The Grant recipient will prepare an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) for any project that will require ground disturbing activities. A template is available here: <https://history.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/Inadvertent-Discovery-Plan-IDP-template.docx>

- b. Bricks-and-mortar: Prior to the final disbursement of grant funds for any bricks-and-mortar project, the Recipient shall execute and record a preservation easement with the agreed upon designee, on the subject property for ten (10) years. The minimum term of the easement shall be 10 years, with an additional 10 years required for each increment of \$50,000 in grant funds awarded (e.g., \$100,000 = 20 years, \$150,000 = 30 years). The easement shall run with the land, be binding upon subsequent owners, and ensure the long-term preservation of the historic character of the property consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Proof of recordation of the easement shall be provided to the PI before the release of the final payment.

Preservation Idaho



Brittney Scigliano, Board President
Preservation Idaho

08-07-2026
Date

GRANTEE:

See signature page

Signature

Date

Print:

Title:

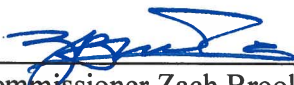
Authorized Representative for Grantee

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PRESERVATION IDAHO GRANT AWARD
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

DATED this 1st day of October, 2026.

CANYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

X Motion Carried Unanimously
_____ Motion Carried/Split Vote Below
_____ Motion Defeated/Split Vote Below

	Yes	No	Did Not Vote
 _____ Commissioner Leslie Van Beek	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
 _____ Commissioner Brad Holton	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
 _____ Commissioner Zach Brooks	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

ATTEST: JESS URRESTI, CLERK

By: 

Deputy Clerk

ATTACHMENT A: APPLICATION

See attached.

ATTACHMENT B: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The following Projects have been approved by Preservation Idaho:

Project #1: Guffey Bridge

For clarification, the Guffey Bridge is listed as part of the Guffey Butte-Black Butte Archaeological District. It is listed as a contributing feature.

Constructed in 1897, Guffey Bridge is an iron Parker-through-truss bridge across the Snake River in southern Idaho. Originally built for trains carrying silver and gold ore from the mines of Silver City, the bridge was ultimately used more for transporting lumber and livestock after the mines played out. Part of the Boise, Nampa & Owyhee Railroad, the bridge acted as an important connection between growing Canyon County and the isolated communities in Owyhee County.

After the bridge was decommissioned in 1948, the railroad tracks were removed. In 1979, the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) purchased the bridge to save it from removal. In 1990, ISHS sold it to Canyon County. After acquiring it, Canyon County Parks, Cultural & Natural Resources transformed it into a pedestrian bridge with the addition of a timber walkway to connect users to trails in Owyhee County.

Since the completion of that walkway in 1990, the bridge has seen thousands of visitors each year. Among them are the many students who attend field trips at Celebration Park, Idaho's only archaeology park, as well as recreational users such as hikers and equestrians. In the last thirty years, the wooden walkway and railings have deteriorated. Staff of Canyon County Parks are trying to determine the next best steps to rehabilitate the walkway, while maintaining and protecting the historic bridge.

With funds from the Historic Properties Mitigation Bank, the Parks team would hire Forsgren Associates to perform a thorough analysis of the bridge to assess its current state and identify any potential preservation issues. In addition, the engineering team will outline future options for the timber walkway – such as resurfacing or replacing it – and estimate the costs of each prospective possibility.

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ATTACHMENT C:
PROJECT BUDGET(S)
Project #1: Guffey Bridge

ITEM	Grant \$	Match \$	TOTAL
<i>See attached.</i>			
TOTAL:	\$12,000.00		

ATTACHMENT D:**REQUIRED CONDITIONS FOR SUBAGREEMENTS**

The following conditions shall be included in any subagreement between the Grantee and any consultant or contractor:

1. Consultant shall complete all work related to this project in accordance with the most recent version(s) of all applicable United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation;
2. Consultant shall complete all work related to this project in accordance with the most recent version(s) of all applicable United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards.
3. Consultant shall complete all work related to this project in accordance with the most recent version(s) of all applicable guidance documents from the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office.
4. Consultant shall complete all work related to the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement between the Grantee and Preservation Idaho;
5. Consultant shall make all revisions or modifications to submitted project materials as required by the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office and Preservation Idaho.

HPMB Grant Application

Applicants will be notified by July 15, 2026, regardless of award status.

Preservation Idaho is excited to announce the opening of the application cycle for its Historic Properties Mitigation Bank (HPMB) Grant Program. This competitive funding opportunity is designed to support historic preservation projects across Idaho, with up to \$50,000 available per award. **The deadline to apply is midnight, April 15, 2026.**

Funding is made available through the HPMB as part of Idaho's Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program (LILB), which mitigates adverse effects on historic properties caused by infrastructure development. Preservation Idaho serves as the fund manager for the HPMB in partnership with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC).

Two Categories of Funding:

Type 1 – General Preservation Projects

- Historic resource surveys
- National Register nominations
- Historic preservation plans and reports
- Brick-and-mortar rehabilitation - *Include preservation easement language for any bricks-and-mortar projects.*
- Thematic studies and historic contexts
- Preservation plans
- Historic structures reports
- Design guidelines

Maximum award: \$50,000

Type 2 – Historic Bridge Projects:

- Rehabilitation or repair of NRHP-listed or eligible bridges
- Relocation of historic bridges

Maximum award: \$50,000

Background

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, a Programmatic Agreement (PA) was developed for the Leading Idaho Local Bridge (LILB) program, a program administered by the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). The PA was prepared in consultation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), local preservation commissions, historical museum groups, and the statewide preservation non-profit organization, Preservation Idaho. As a result of

consultation, it was agreed in Stipulation V.C.2 that a Historic Properties Mitigation Bank (HPMB) would be established to mitigate adverse effects to certain historic properties, Mitigation is required under Section 106 because of federal permits granted by the USACE to LHTAC for the LILB program.

Funding Source

Monies for the HPMB are generated by the calculated mitigation cost from each project; the principal funding stream is derived from contributions that are paid in advance on a project-by-project basis into the HPMB for adverse effects to certain historic property types. The calculations are based on the cost for mitigation activities agreed upon in previous MOA and PAs for similar affected resources.

Form Description

This application is for the Historic Properties Mitigation Bank (HPMB) grant program, administered by Preservation Idaho.

Notice of Ineligibility

Please note that the following project types are ineligible for funding:

- new building construction,
- costs for work already completed,
- interpretive displays,
- documentaries,
- general organization support (e.g., website development),
- publications, or
- site operations.

Administration

HPMB funds are held by Preservation Idaho, a 501(c)(3) statewide non-profit organization which was established in 1972. Their mission is to protect Idaho's historic places through collaboration, education, and advocacy. Preservation Idaho (heretofore referred to as the Fund Manager) appoints and administers a Grant Committee to promote and evaluate applications, to disburse HPMB funds, and to ensure that the mitigation activities are related to the scope and scale of the LILB project(s) or otherwise meet the criteria articulated herein.

The Grant Committee is comprised of interested parties and representatives of appropriate agencies, to meet regularly, and to determine the distribution of the monies to suitable projects. The Committee will be composed of cultural resource professionals and shall include one representative from: a Federal and/or a State Agency, LHTAC, Preservation Idaho, SHPO, a member of a current Certified Local Government (CLG), and a non-voting committee coordination representative from the Fund Manager. In addition, other interested parties may participate in meetings of the Grant Committee but will not participate in deciding how HPMB funds are distributed.

Review and Submission Information

Submission Note: Complete applications will be provided to the Idaho SHPO for a 30-day technical evaluation before being reviewed by the Grant Committee.

Award Notification: Successful applicants must complete a Grant Agreement within 60 days of notification.

Applicant Name	Chelsee Boehm
Email	chelsee.boehm@canyoncounty.id.gov
Proof of Eligibility	Certified Local Government
Point of Contact	Chelsee Boehm
Contact Address	1115 Albany Street Caldwell, Idaho, 83605
Phone Number	(208) 299-9107
Eligible Project Category	Rehabilitation or repair of NRHP-listed or eligible bridges

For Type 1 bricks and mortar projects, is the property owner willing to provide a facade easement for 5 years to the Idaho State Historical Society (5 years for each \$50,000 investment into the property)? *What is a preservation easement? Easement Program - Idaho State Historical Society - https://history.idaho.gov/shpo/tax-credits-and-easements/	This is not a bricks and mortar project
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Is this a Type 2 Historic Bridge Project?	Yes, this project involves the rehabilitation or repair of an NRHP-listed or eligible bridge.
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Project Scope for Type 2 Funding	Rehabilitation
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Bridge NRHP Status	The bridge is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).
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Project Description (Provide a narrative stating the purpose and expected tasks)

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Project Location Map



Project Location (Include full address, 43.298851, -116.530077 parcel number, or coordinates)

Justification by Criteria (Explain how this project meets the HPMB review criteria, specifically its geographic or thematic relationship to the affected resource)

In Canyon County, it appears that the nearest bridge to be replaced by the Leading Idaho's Local Bridge Program (LILB) is the one on Malt Road, crossing over Deer Flat High Line Canal (10CN2905). Per site segment forms found on the Idaho Cultural Resource Information System (ICRIS), completed in 2019 and 2025, Deer Flat High Line Canal is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). While the bridge itself does not appear to be historic, it is likely that the replacement of the bridge on Malt Road over the Canal may have adverse effects.

In different ways, both the Deer Flat High Line Canal and the Guffey Bridge contribute to the history of irrigation in southern Idaho. The Deer Flat High Line Canal represents the county's irrigation history. The Guffey Bridge is listed as a contributing feature on the Guffey Butte-Black Butte archaeological district. The district was created following a survey initiated by the proposal of the Guffey Dam in the 1950s-1970s. The proposed project would have provided irrigation water to Mountain Home. (For more information please see, "The History of Reclamation Efforts on the Mountain Home Plateau", submitted to the Elmore County Board of Commissioners by Historical Research Associates, Inc. April 2025). In addition, the Snake River, which the Guffey Bridge passes over, is an important figure in Southern Idaho's history. The river has served as a source of life for the communities that have lived along it for thousands of years - including as part of the irrigation system in several counties in the Gem State.

The proposed project will help to guide future rehabilitation efforts, and ensure Idaho citizens, and visitors, have continued access to a historic bridge. In addition, the continued preservation of the bridge will allow Canyon County Parks staff (and other local organizations) to continue to teach the history of the area.

Experience & Compliance (List any previous projects demonstrating experience in historic preservation/restoration and compliance with Secretary of Interior (SOI) Standards for Rehabilitation)

The Canyon County Parks, Cultural & Natural Resources team, and the Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission have extensive experience with historic preservation. Both the staff and the volunteer members of the commission, meet the professional standards set forth by the Secretary of the Interior through education and project experience.

For example, architect Bruce Poe, who serves on the HPC, has many years of experience working on historic buildings and meeting the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

Nichole Schwend, Parks Director, meets the Secretary of the Interior's professional standards for archaeologists. She has worked with historical and archaeological resources in the Celebration Park area for more than 10 years. Both Schwend, and the Parks department's Historic Preservation Officer, Chelsea Boehm, have consulted on many Section 106 projects. The team oversees many historic preservation grant projects as part of the Canyon County Historic Preservation grant program. In addition, Parks staff manage historic preservation projects funded by Certified Local Government (CLG) grants distributed by the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The selected contractor for this project, Forsgren Associates, has worked on several projects that involved historic bridges (please see their past reports attached in Project Illustrations/Plans section).

No active rehabilitation work will be completed as part of this proposed project. However, Canyon County Parks staff will ensure that any future projects on the bridge will meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

The Proposed Budget (Include estimated costs for labor and materials)

The proposed budget is \$12,000. Cost is rounded up from the estimated \$11,893 to account for small fluctuations in cost. This money will pay for the completion of the bridge analysis and report by Forsgren Associates. The proposed cost estimate prepared by Forsgren Associates is attached.

Proposed Budget (Include estimated costs for labor and materials) If you have a budget file, please upload it here.



Guffey Bridge Estimate - 2026.03.26.pdf



Estimated Inkind contributions.pdf

Matching Funds or In-Kind Services (Detail any proposed matching contributions)

It is estimated that Canyon County staff can contribute an in-kind match of about \$685.39 through project management and coordination.

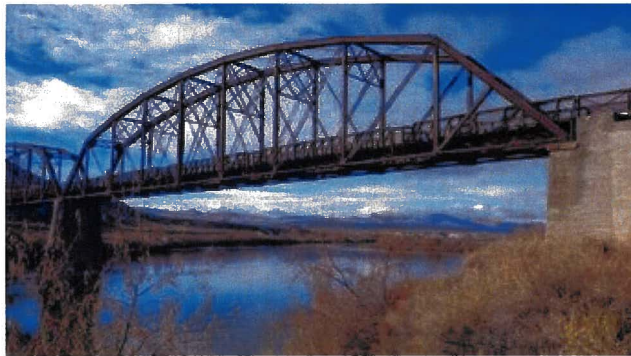
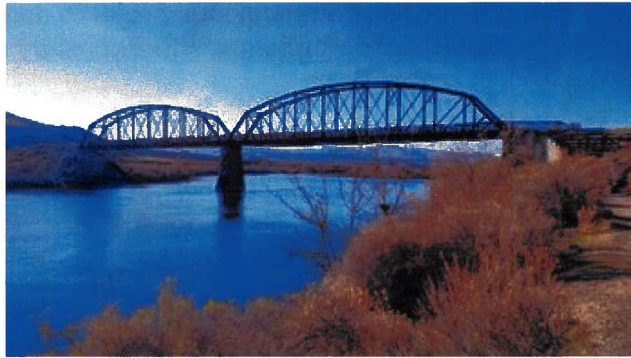
It is estimated that the Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission will contribute about \$389.76 in volunteer services, through project review, the addition of comments, etc. (Please see the attached Estimated In-Kind Contributions document).

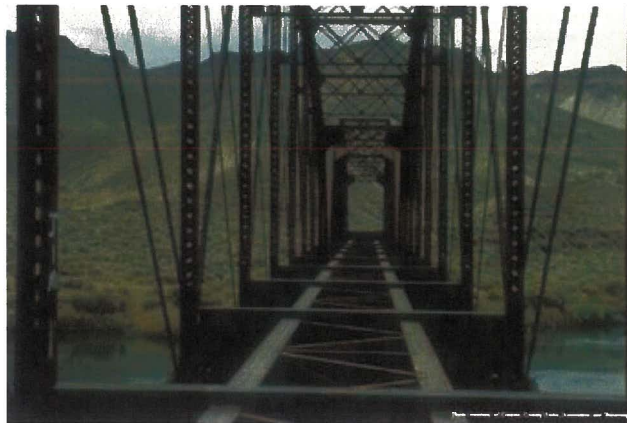
Letters of Support



OCM Support Letter.pdf

Project Photographs





Project Illustrations/Plans



Guffey Scope of Work - Final.pdf



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TASK #	TASK DESCRIPTION	TOTAL HOURS	Project Manager	Senior Bridge Engineer	Bridge Engineer	Clerical			
1.0	Project Management	9.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.1	Project Setup	3.00	1.00	1.00		1.00			
1.2	Invoicing	2.00		1.00		1.00			
1.3	Project Coordination	2.00		1.00	1.00				
1.4	Project Closeout	2.00	1.00			1.00			
2.0	Bridge Inspection	51.00	0.00	17.00	34.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.1	Inspection								
	2.1.1 Review Data	3.00		1.00	2.00				
	2.1.2 Field Inspection	16.00		8.00	8.00				
2.2	Report								
	2.2.1 Inspection Report	20.00		4.00	16.00				
	2.2.2 Cost Estimates	12.00		4.00	8.00				
3.0		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Summary of Hours Per Task

1.0	Project Management	9.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.0	Bridge Inspection	51.00	0.00	17.00	34.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.0		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	60.00	2.00	20.00	35.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

A. SUMMARY ESTIMATED MAN-DAY COSTS

		Man-Hours		Hourly Rate	Raw Labor Cost
1)	Project Manager	2.00	@	\$225.00	\$450.00
2)	Senior Bridge Engineer	20.00	@	\$225.00	\$4,500.00
3)	Bridge Engineer	35.00	@	\$190.00	\$6,650.00
4)	Clerical	3.00	@	\$75.00	\$225.00
		0.00	@	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total Man-Hours = 60.00 **Labor Cost = \$11,825.00**
(INCL OH/PROFIT)

B. OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSE SUMMARY

	Out-of-Pocket Expense Description	Unit	Estimated Amount		Unit Cost		Estimated Expense
1)	Company Vehicle Mileage ²	Miles	100	@	\$ 0.680	= \$	68.00
2)	Rental Car	Days	---	@	\$ 150.00	= \$	-
3)	Fuel for Rental Car ³	Miles	---	@	\$ 0.300	= \$	-
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TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSE						= \$	68.00

TOTAL = \$11,893.00