



2025-2027 Budget Summary:

Thank you

WHS Agency Details:

Annual Budget: 35.3M total: 61% Support from State of WI and 39% support from gifts, grants, endowment, and earned income.

- Active Historical Society Members: 11,200
- Staff: 182 FTE, 150-200 LTE/Seasonal workers
- Wisconsin Counties Served: 72

WHS had a successful result regarding operating and capital budget requests this past year.

Operating Budget:

1. Wisconsin History Center – The State Provided \$2,300,000 one-time state funding in 2025-26 and \$540,800 state funding and 6.0 state positions annually beginning in 2026-27 to support the planning, preparation, and operation of the new Wisconsin History Center.
2. Security and Safety: The State provided one-time funding of \$340,000 state dollars in 2025-26 and \$222,000 state dollars in 2026-27 to make security and safety improvements to the Historical Society's facilities, historic sites, and collections.
3. State Operations Adjustment: The State provided \$75,000 state funding in 2025-26 and \$82,000 state funding in 2026-27 to support increases in supplies and services costs.

Capital Budget – Building Trust Funds:

4. Wisconsin Historical Society - Madison Headquarters - Building Restoration - Planning and Design - \$1,979,000
5. Wisconsin Historical Society - Madison Headquarters - Facade, Envelope, and Safety - \$350,000
6. Improvements Wisconsin Historical Society - Madison Headquarters - Mechanical System - \$300,000