

MAS Conservation Project Funding

The MAS Conservation Committee provides small funding grants to worthy projects that involve avocational and professional collaboration in completing needed archaeological work at sites on private and public lands—work that might not otherwise get done.

MAS funding can support a single project or be part of a larger work program, involving survey, evaluation or some type of conservation effort, such as constructing a fence around an endangered archaeological site.

Project criteria include:

- The applicant must be an MAS member in good standing (dues current).
- The project should have a stewardship-conservation rather than compliance focus.
- The project, as a whole, should include a public component, using students and avocational volunteers working under the supervision of qualified professionals.
- The project should address sites at demonstrated risk on private land first, public lands second, although jurisdiction will not dictate award if there is a demonstrated need and viable project.
- The project should clearly add to our knowledge of Montana prehistory and history.
- The project should be realistic and feasible in expectations, timeframes, and outcomes, and may involve survey, testing, curation, technical analyses or conservation-protection work.
- The project proposal should contain a detailed budgets and specific amount requested.
- The budget should identify in-kind matches, contributions or other funding if available.
- The project proposal should clearly identify outcomes and products.
- The project proposal should provide maps and ancillary material as needed.

A successful applicant is expected to present a professional paper about the project at the next MAS meeting following award, describing either the completed product or work progress to date. The applicant should consider the paper for publication in *Archaeology in Montana*.

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