

2021 Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Request: HF2350

Minnesota Statewide Historic Inventory Project (MNSHIP)



\$92,000 in FY22 and \$31,400 in FY23

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is requesting state funds to complete and make publicly available the first phase of the Minnesota Statewide Historic Inventory Project (MNSHIP). The MNSHIP portal will provide the public, researchers, and agencies with electronic access and locational data for Minnesota's inventory of historic properties. This data is currently only available in paper files at the SHPO office in Saint Paul (see picture below).

The requested funding will provide the necessary 20 percent state match to utilize federal money in completing this long-term project in partnership with the Department of Transportation (MNDOT). Ultimately, the project will digitize, geocode, and make accessible Minnesota's historic and cultural resource information on over 107,000 properties and 10,000 reports located at SHPO.

Lack of funding has prevented progress of the project until now. MNDOT federal funds will cover 80% (\$493,600) of the MNSHIP cost with a 20% (\$123,400) non-federal match required. Completion is expected by June 30, 2023.

Significant work has already been completed or is currently underway to digitize the data that MNSHIP will make available to the public electronically:

- FY 20, 21 & 22 – Inventory File Organization & Scanning (\$1.5M, MNDOT)
- FY 20 & 21 – Business Analysis & Data Entry (\$10K, SHPO & \$90K, MNDOT)
- FY 20, 21 & 22 – Geolocating and GIS Correction of Historic Inventory (\$300K, MNDOT)

