

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Headquarters):

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Agency Responsibilities

- Lead agency for the planning and execution of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Planning Commemoration in the State of Washington
- Lead agency for the Lewis and Clark Station Camp Project in partnership with the National Park Service, Department of Transportation, State Parks and Recreation Commission and State Tourism Office.
- Operate the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma and the State Capital Museum in Olympia
- Launch the Educational Digital Initiative
- Provide public educational programs to include school tour programs meeting the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) for Washington State students.
- Publish Columbia: The Magazine of Northwest History
- Administer the Heritage Capital Projects Program
- Maintain the capital assets of the Washington State Historical Society to include the Washington State History Museum, the State Capital Museum and the Washington State Historical Society Research Center.
- Collect, catalog, preserve and interpret objects, manuscripts, sites, photographs and materials illustrative of the history of the State of Washington.
- Provide leadership in the State of Washington for heritage and cultural activities.

Authorizing Statute: RCW 27.34

Senior Managers and primary areas of responsibility

Garry Schalliol, Director of Outreach Services

- Heritage Capital Projects
- Education Digital Initiative
- Heritage Resource Center
- State Capital Museum
- Education Programs

Patricia Tobiason, Director of Museum Services

- Exhibits Programs
- Collections Management
- Facilities Maintenance
- Museum Program Support

Brenda Hanan, Development Manager

- Membership and Development
- Marketing

Chris Lee, Financial Officer

- Budget and Fiscal Office
- Investments

Marie DeLong, Administrative Officer

- Human Resources
- Risk Management
- Director and Board of Trustee Support
- Washington Works
- NPS/FHWA Project Support

Agency FTE: 49.4 FTE

Budget and source for each program

Operating: Program 010 Historical Records and Museum Services (03-05 Biennium)

GF-State \$4,918,500 Local Funds \$2,780,000

Capital: Program 900 CF-State \$9,973,438

Governing Board: The Washington State Historical Society Board of Trustees is comprised of its elective officers, trustees and certain ex officio members numbering not less than 21 members and not more than 30 members, elected to serve for 3-year terms. The Governor, Secretary of State, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Washington are ex-officio voting members of the Board of Trustees. The Society secures representation on the board by one member of each of the four caucuses of the state legislature, by either member election or board appointment. The WSHS Board of Trustees holds its regular meetings every March and September plus an annual meeting in June.

Most Pressing Issues:

Station Camp is part of the expansion of Fort Clatsop National Memorial, one of three sites in Washington state creating the Lewis and Clark National and State Historic Park as a unit of the National Park System. The project, coordinated by the Washington State Historical Society, involves the acquisition of private property from a willing seller, the purchase of additional property for wetland mitigation, multiple property transactions between and among private parties, General Administration, State Parks, Department of Transportation and the National Park Service. It involves the relocation of a segment of U.S. 101 in Pacific County, the planning, design and construction of a commemorative park, an archaeological recovery project and stringent environmental permitting requirements. After 20 months of negotiations, the property owners have signed the option agreement to purchase the needed property, Corps of Engineer permits are pending, an archaeological recovery plan is being developed. Highway construction is anticipated in the winter/spring of 2005 and park construction by spring/summer of 2005. The schedule is tight. The bicentennial is rapidly approaching and the local community and elected officials' expectations are high as Station Camp is being relied upon for its economic development capability in a depressed region of the state. WSHS, while neither a regulatory agency nor a land management agency for the State, is the lead agency because it has the purpose and need to plan for and conduct significant commemorations for the state (RCW 27.34.070(d)). Stakeholders in the project are the state's congressional and legislative delegation, Lewis and Clark groups, and local elected officials. This project is headed by David Nicandri, Director, telephone 253.798.5900.

The **Educational Digital Initiative (EDI)** involves the digitization of the Society's collections and exhibits for enhanced access on the part of students, teachers and the public through the web. The initiative addresses the state's priority of increasing cultural and recreational opportunities in the state as well as meeting an existing need for teachers and students by providing engaging, accurate, web-based state history curricula, meeting the state's Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs). While the focus will be on the grade levels where Washington State History is taught, WSHS will also provide engaging online activities for older students and lifelong learners. The challenges presented by EDI are the requirements for proper maintenance of the information technology infrastructure and continuing content development. Each will require ongoing investments. EDI is the most important initiative undertaken by the Society since the Washington State History Museum opened in 1996 because EDI has the potential to serve all Washingtonians. The staff lead is Garry Schalliol, Director of Outreach Services, telephone 253.798.5879.