

## **Public Notice Regarding the National Endowment for the Humanities' Section 106 Review of the Museum of North Idaho Project: Moving History Forward**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has offered the Museum of North Idaho (MONI). In Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a Challenge Infrastructure and Capacity Building grant (CHA-296065) to complete construction of a 11,500-square-foot facility to house exhibits, art, and educational resources.

NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. This public notice is issued as part of NEH's responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the regulations which implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, 54 U.S.C. 306108. NEH, a funding agency, is required by regulation to identify and assess the effects of any proposed actions on historic properties. If any proposed action will have an adverse effect on historic resources, NEH works with the appropriate parties to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. Additionally, the Section 106 regulations require NEH to consider the views of the public on preservation issues when making final decisions that affect historic properties.

The proposed project will take place at 720 E Young Ave., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814. The project site currently has a structure, the J.C. White House, which was originally constructed in 1904. MONI saved the building from demolition and relocated it to the current property at base of Tubbs Hill. The land had previously been developed with two houses which were demolished by the city. The J.C. White building is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because of the relocation and extensive interior modifications.

The construction project involves renovation and expansion of the J.C. White House and new construction to expand exhibition space. The project will involve renovation of the original structure and construction of a new East and West Wing. The restored White House will accommodate a reception lobby, museum store, and interpretation of the J.C. White House on the main floor, a meeting room and library reading room on the second floor, and a lobby and changeable galley in the basement. The third-floor attic will be employee office space and a small break room. The new expansion will be below grade with a patio space at grade and will provide 4,672 sq. ft. of exhibition space.

On September 13, 2022, Ashley L. Molloy, M.A., Historical Review Officer, Idaho State Historic Preservation Office, provided a determination of no adverse effect to historic properties. After reviewing the Section 106 documentation and SHPO finding, NEH issues a determination of no adverse effect to historic properties.

As required by Section 106, NEH is providing the public with information about this project, as well as an opportunity to comment on any knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the proposed project area, and issues relating to the project's potential effects on historic properties. Comments may be submitted to the NEH by e-mail to [FPO@neh.gov](mailto:FPO@neh.gov). The deadline for submitting comments is June 25th.