

# MONTANA

## BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

### BOARD ADOPTED POLICY

**POLICY NUMBER:** 40.926

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 4, 2025

**TITLE:** SMA Montana Historical Society Trust  
and Endowment Funds

**SUPERSEDES:** December 12, 2023

**BOARD ADOPTION:** November 30, 2021

**REVIEWED:** June 5, 2025

#### I. Introduction

- A. The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the Montana Historical Society Trust and Endowment Funds investments under the guidance of the Board.
- B. The policy and guidelines apply to the accounts listed below:

MHS Education	MU9F
MHS Stewart Trust	MU9G
MHS Acquisitions Trust	MU9H
MHS James Bradley Memorial Fund	MU9J
MHS Thomas Teakle Trust Fund	MU9L
MHS Merritt Wheeler Memorial Fund	MU9M
MHS Sobotka Memorial Trust	MU9N
MHS Charles Bair Trust	MU9O
MHS Churchill Trust	MU9P
MHS Harriet E Miller Trust	MU9Q
MHS Haynes Collection Trust	MU9R
MHS Ronald Schmid Trust	MU9S
MHS Senate Art	MU9U
MHS Sobotka Trust	MU9V
MHS Women's Mural	MU9W
MHS General Trust	MU9X
Montana Historical Society	MU9Y
Montana History and Civics Endowment	MUVE

- C. The various accounts are long-term in nature. The long-term nature of the accounts is established by legislative intent, donor intent or MHS Management's intent.

## II. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this policy is to:

- 1. Establish the investment objectives and performance standards of the Montana Historical Society Trust and Endowment Funds.
- 2. Provide diversified investment exposure within the guidelines in a prudent and cost-effective manner.

## III. Investment Objective

- A. Strategic

- 1. The objective of the Montana Historical Society Trust and Endowment Funds portfolio is to attain above benchmark total return within the parameters of the Investment Guidelines set forth below with an emphasis on investment income and preservation of principal.

- B. Performance

- 1. Success in achieving this objective will be measured by comparing the risk and return of the account to the Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP) benchmark and the Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) benchmark, each weighted proportionately to the portfolio's holdings, over a five-year (5) moving average.

- C. Time Horizon

- 1. Montana Historical Society Trust and Endowment Funds are permanent accounts. The Board expects to meet or exceed all objectives over a long-term investment horizon. Over shorter periods, the anticipated market volatility, and specific actions, including risk mitigation efforts of the Board may lead to unfavorable, but expected deviation from these objectives.

- D. Investment Guidelines

- 1. The Board will have full discretion to manage the Montana Historical Society Trust and Endowment Funds portfolio consistent with the investment guidelines established in this policy. Compliance with the following guidelines for permitted investments and other restrictions is the sole responsibility of the Staff. Any exceptions or compliance violations are to be reported to the Board at the next scheduled quarterly Board meeting.

- E. Permitted Investments

- 1. The Montana Historical Society Trust and Endowment Funds may only invest in the following:
  - a) TFIP; and
  - b) STIP or any cash vehicle at the Custodial Bank.

- F. If at any time, due to market fluctuations or any other circumstances, any of the guidelines are not maintained, Staff will use its best efforts to conform to these limits in a timely manner, while considering current market conditions and the associated costs of rebalancing. At the Board's next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting, the CIO shall inform the Board of any situations where the allocations were outside the limits and either inform the Board of the actions that were taken to return the portfolio back within guidelines or a plan to do so.

Authority: Montana Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13  
Section 2-15-1808, MCA  
Section 15-35-108, MCA  
Section 22-3-114, MCA  
Section 22-3-1003, MCA  
Section 17-1-113, MCA  
Sections 17-6-201 through 17-6-205, MCA