

## Five NPRHA Grants Issued

Five preservation grants have been issued for Northern Pacific Railway related projects for 2021.

The first grant, of \$2,400, was made to the Minnesota Transportation Museum in St. Paul, Minnesota. The purpose of the grant was restoration of the exterior of NP caboose 1264 at the Minnesota Transportation Museum.

The second grant, of \$5,000, was made to the Livingston Depot Foundation in Livingston, Montana to repair the historic windows in the NP Livingston depot. Decades of caulking, painting, and repair have been unable to stop the deterioration of the muntin bars due to moisture build-up and environmental conditions. Heat loss through leaky sashes and air gaps greatly decreases the energy efficiency of the building and increases utility costs for the nonprofit depot foundation. Finally, the half-dozen storm windows that remain on the Depot building have rotted sills, and buckled storm sashes.



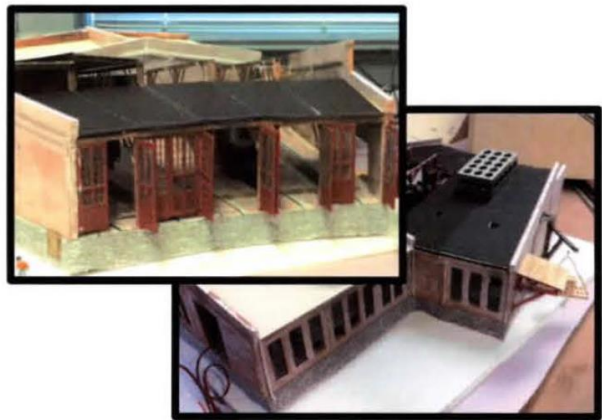
*The Livingston Depot is arguably the most iconic building in Park County, hosting community events October through April and museum exhibits from May through September.*

The third grant, of \$5,000, was awarded to the Cheney Depot Society of Cheney, Washington to install a safety barrier on the trackside property line to keep volunteers and train buffs safely off operating railroad property.

The fourth grant, of \$5,000, was made to the Friends of the Yellowstone Gateway Museum in Livingston, Montana, to complete the restoration of NP caboose 1266; specifically to replace

and patch the exterior door, paint the NP monad and lettering, paint the trucks, and fabricate brackets and install the catwalk on the caboose roof.

The fifth grant, of \$5,000, was awarded to the Paradise Elementary School Preservation Committee in Paradise, Montana, to fund further progress on a pair of scale model railroad replica of Paradise and NP structures and operations there. The displays occupy more than half of a large classroom and feature operational trains and historic structures from two eras. The first depicts the town of Paradise and the railroad in the 1930s and includes the historic NP depot, the 20-bay steam engine roundhouse, ancillary and infrastructure buildings, in-town employee housing, etc. The second depicts the railroad tie treatment plant (one of only two on the entire NP line) in the 1960s-1970s.



**ALREADY INSTALLED**

The photo on the left shows some of the seven interpretive panels already installed as part of the NP in Paradise exhibit. The panels explain the NP, its role, the structures for supporting the railroad, the 20-bay roundhouse, and more.

**ALMOST COMPLETE**

The photos above show the front and side of the first five bays of the roundhouse that will soon be joined to the other 15 bays. A motion-activated sound system will play sounds of men talking, metal tools clanking, etc.

**Grant Application Information**

Information on completing and submitting a grant request can be obtained on the NPRHA website at [www.nprha.org](http://www.nprha.org). Click on "About the NPRHA," scroll down to "NPRHA Preservation Grants," and click on "Preservation Grants Site". Complete information is contained here, including the application process and instructions, the application form to be downloaded,

grants questions and answers, and the history of grants issued in the past. Questions about NPRHA grants can be submitted via email to [grants@nprha.org](mailto:grants@nprha.org).