

## Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative

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### Background

In 2007, the Washington State Legislature passed SHB 2115, establishing the Heritage Barn Preservation Program within the State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP). The program actively acknowledges Heritage Barns across the state and the Heritage Barn Advisory Committee works to address the many challenges historic barns face by awarding matching grants for barn stabilization and rehabilitation.

### Heritage Barn Register

Since November 2007, the Heritage Barn Register has worked to:

- Designate 722 official Heritage Barns, with listings in all 39 counties in Washington;
- Highlight historic barns through media outlets and local programming, promoting sustainable economic development through tourism.
- Provide data on construction types, forms, uses and needs of agricultural-related structures across the state
- Distribute commemorative plaques to owners of designated Heritage Barns

### Heritage Barn Grant Program

Matching grants have been available to heritage barn owners across the state to assist with emergency stabilization and rehabilitation projects. Priority for funding goes to barns that remain in active agricultural use and are visible from the public right of way. Six grant rounds have resulted in the following:

- DAHP has received 458 applications requesting over \$10 million in grant funds;
- The Barn Advisory Committee has awarded 101 grants totaling nearly \$2.2M in funds;
- Grant awards average just over \$22,000;
- 50 grants totaling over \$1.1M have been awarded to barns in eastern Washington; 51 grants totaling nearly \$1.05M have been awarded to barns in western Washington
- Grants for barn rehabilitation have supported over 400 construction jobs;
- Barns receiving grants are located on farms with nearly 47,000 acres under active agricultural use;
- Barn rehabilitation projects are labor intensive, requiring local contractors and suppliers;
- Being truly 'local' projects, project expenditures in the form of wages, etc., remain in the local economy.



Photos, top to bottom: Rehabilitated Heritage Barns in King, Benton, Whitman and Douglas Counties

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### 2019-2021 Biennium

The Governor's proposed Capital Budget includes \$515,000 in funding to continue the Heritage Barn Grant program in the 2019-21 biennium. The Washington Trust strongly supports this proposal.



*Before & After Images*  
 Bar Z Ranch  
 Dayton, Columbia County  
 Constructed ca. 1910



**Summary of Barn Rehabilitation Grants awarded to date:**

<b>County</b>	<b>Total # of Grant Awards</b>	<b>Total Grant Amount Utilized</b>
Adams	3	\$72,485
Benton	1	\$18,660
Chelan	1	\$23,385
Clallam	4	\$94,578
Clark	5	\$123,025
Columbia	2	\$49,221
Douglas	1	\$18,750
Ferry	1	\$25,000
Garfield	1	\$5,000
Island	6	\$114,014
King	4	\$119,604
Kitsap	1	\$11,610
Kittitas	4	\$94,360
Klickitat	4	\$78,124
Lewis	4	\$71,446
Lincoln	1	\$21,442
Okanogan	2	\$50,912
Pacific	1	\$46,701
Pend Oreille	3	\$62,889
Pierce	3	\$17,862
San Juan	5	\$92,352
Skagit	9	\$164,539
Snohomish	4	\$77,690
Spokane	7	\$164,080
Stevens	1	\$10,938
Thurston	1	\$34,650
Wahkiakum	1	\$20,000
Walla Walla	5	\$150,273
Whatcom	3	\$54,321
Whitman	7	\$189,313
Yakima	6	\$115,206
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>\$2,192,430</b>