

Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Historical Society (Society) was created by the Territorial Legislature in 1849 as one of the first educational and cultural institutions in Minnesota.

Today, the Society serves a statewide audience through programs and services at the History Center in the Capitol Complex in St. Paul and through a statewide network of historic sites and museums.

The **Mission** of the Society is to foster among people an awareness of Minnesota history so that they may draw strength and perspective from the past, and find purpose for the future.

The **Mission** is carried out by:

- ◆ providing opportunities for people of all ages to learn about the history of Minnesota;
- ◆ collecting and caring for materials that document human life in Minnesota, making them known and accessible to people in Minnesota and beyond; and
- ◆ encouraging and doing research in Minnesota history.

The Society's **Vision** is: To serve as an educational institution providing a variety of historical programs and services. Through these activities we help people gain meaning for their lives. The Society is a creative and dynamic institution, documenting life in Minnesota and offering programs that are at once educational, engaging, and entertaining.

The Society is governed by an Executive Council of 30 members who are responsible for establishing major policies and monitoring the quality of its programs and services.

Core Functions

The Society serves the citizens of Minnesota through a variety of programs and services. Major operations are as follows:

Historical Programs and Education Division,
Departments include:

- ◆ Historic Preservation, Field Services, and Grants
- ◆ Archaeology
- ◆ History Center Museum and Education
- ◆ Enterprise Technology and Business Development

Historic Sites and Museums Division

- ◆ 32 historic sites statewide
- ◆ Mill City Museum

At A Glance

Two-year operating budget:

- ◆ \$46.65 million in state General Funds (FY 2006-07 appropriated)
- ◆ \$25.002 million in non-state funds including earned revenue, gifts, grants, etc. (FY 2004-05 estimated)

The Society serves, each year:

- ◆ Nearly 700,000 visitors served at historic sites and museums
- ◆ Nearly 225,000 visitors served at History Center museum
- ◆ Nearly 240,000 school children on organized programs and sites and History Center
- ◆ Over 6.5 million "visitor sessions" on the Society's web site, www.mnhs.org

This work is carried out by

- ◆ 180.3 full-time employees (FTE)
- ◆ 191.0 part-time and seasonal employees (FTE)

The Society preserves over one million items in collections, including three-dimensional objects, artifacts, books, maps, photos, government records, and archaeological artifacts for the benefit of Minnesotans of today and of the future.



Library, Publications and Collections Division, Departments include:

- ◆ Collections
- ◆ Reference
- ◆ State Archives
- ◆ Collections Management
- ◆ MHS Press

External Relations Division, Departments include:

- ◆ Marketing and Communications
- ◆ Government Relations
- ◆ Development

Human Resources and Volunteer Services
Finance and Administration

Budget

The Society is supported by state appropriations of approximately \$23.2 million each year, for operation of the History Center (including building services and debt service, for which approximately \$5.5 million each year is transferred to the Department of Administration), the Historic Sites Network and other activities (including State Archives), the History Center Museum, the History Center Library, the State Historic Preservation Office, and numerous other functions.

In addition, the Society is supported by non-state funds, including earned revenue, gifts, and grants.

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Minnesota Historical Society Homepage:
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Web sites
MHS Web links:
 History Center information:
<http://www.mnhs.org/places/historycenter/index.html>

Library: Including catalogs, special databases, and genealogy information:
<http://www.mnhs.org/library/index.html>

Minnesota Place Names:
<http://mnplaces.mnhs.org/index.cfm>

Upcoming Events:
<http://www.mnhs.org/events/index.html>

Membership Information:
<http://www.mnhs.org/about/members/index.html>

Minnesota's Historic Sites Network
 For further information about MHS Historic Sites:
<http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/index.html>

Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	23,317	23,333	23,083	23,083	46,166
Forecast Base	23,317	23,333	23,167	23,083	46,250
Change		0	84	0	84
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					-0.9%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	23,317	23,333	23,167	23,083	46,250
Statutory Appropriations					
Misc Special Revenue	898	898	898	898	1,796
Federal	340	340	340	340	680
Gift	14,673	14,673	14,673	14,673	29,346
Total	39,228	39,244	39,078	38,994	78,072
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	20,552	21,274	21,960	22,658	44,618
Other Operating Expenses	15,424	14,893	14,169	13,484	27,653
Capital Outlay & Real Property	450	283	275	266	541
Local Assistance	680	672	552	464	1,016
Other Financial Transactions	2,122	2,122	2,122	2,122	4,244
Total	39,228	39,244	39,078	38,994	78,072
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Education & Outreach	25,589	25,589	25,539	25,539	51,078
Preservation & Access	13,285	13,285	13,285	13,285	26,570
Pass Through Appropriations	354	370	254	170	424
Total	39,228	39,244	39,078	38,994	78,072
 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	 348.4	 371.3	 371.3	 371.1	

Program Description

The Education and Outreach Program supports the Minnesota Historical Society’s mission by “providing opportunities for people of all ages to learn about the history of Minnesota.” This program includes:

- ◆ Historic sites and museums programs (including History Center and Mill City Museum)
- ◆ Educational programs, including school programs, museum programs, family programs, and public programs
- ◆ Exhibits at History Center and historic sites
- ◆ MHS Press
- ◆ State Historic Preservation Office and Field Services office
- ◆ Information Technology, Human Resources and Finance Departments (also partly included in Preservation and Access Program)
- ◆ History Center Building and Debt Service (also partly included in Preservation and Access Program)

Program at a Glance

The Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) serves the public through:

- ◆ 32 historic sites statewide
- ◆ History Center Museum program, including exhibitions, educational, and public programs
- ◆ 50-75 grants made annually, as well as technical assistance provided to local historical organizations to further statewide history efforts
- ◆ 25 books published by the MHS Press in FY 2006
- ◆ www.mnhs.org - the Society's web site, a comprehensive source of information about MHS Historic Sites and History Center programs and activities, including access to the Society's collections

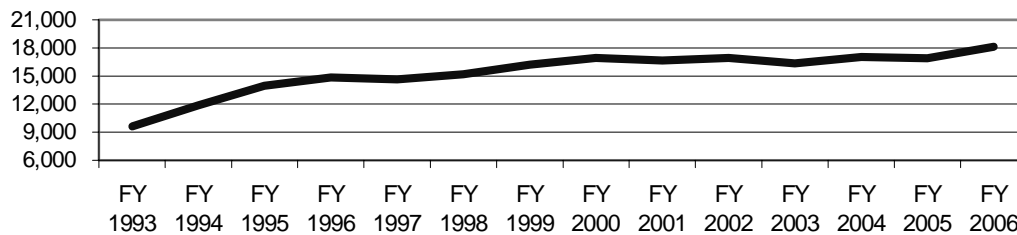
Population Served

Through this program, the Society serves, each year:

- ◆ Nearly 225,000 visitors to the History Center;
- ◆ Nearly 600,000 visitors served at historic sites statewide; and
- ◆ Nearly 240,000 school children on organized programs at historic sites and museums.

Activities within this program serve visitors from Minnesota and beyond, providing an important component of Minnesota’s \$9 billion tourism sector.

Membership

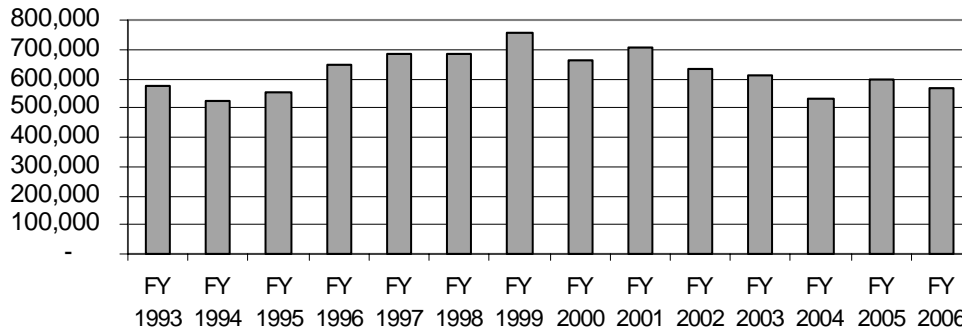


Services Provided

The Education and Outreach program provides the following services to the people of Minnesota:

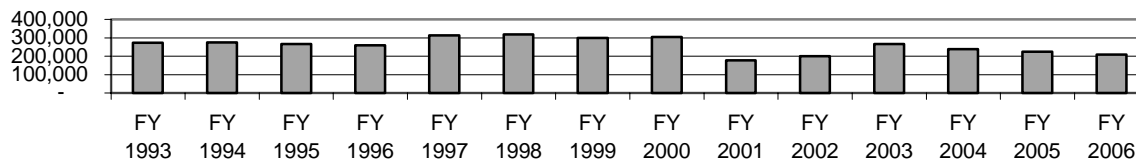
- ⇒ *Historic Sites Network* - Minnesota’s statewide network of 32 historic sites was created in 1965 by the Minnesota Legislature under M.S. 138.661-669. By providing visitors with the unique experience of learning about history where it happened, the Network has added richness to the educational and recreational life of Minnesotans and out-of-state visitors, and is an important element of the state’s tourism economy. To provide this service to Minnesotans, the Society preserves 115 structures, many of which are over 100 years old.

Historic Sites Attendance



⇒ *Exhibits and Museum Program* - Exhibits at the History Center and throughout the Historic Sites Network provide visitors with creative methods to learn about Minnesota’s past. Costumed guides, interactive multi-media installations, and “hands-on” artifacts tell Minnesota’s story in meaningful and memorable ways.

History Center Museum Attendance



⇒ *Education* - As a central part of our mission, the Society provides public programs for students of all ages. They include lectures, programs geared to students in the classroom, those who visit the History Center and use exhibits as a learning tool, and those who visit historic sites on field trips. Many of these school visits are related to material in *Northern Lights*, the Minnesota history curriculum developed by the Society and widely used in the state’s schools.

One rapidly growing Society-coordinated educational program is History Day, which began with just over 100 participants in the early 1990s. Nearly 30,000 students now participate in this annual program, in which junior and senior high school students undertake original research projects, developing a variety of essential communications skills. In recent years, Minnesota students have taken numerous awards in the National History Day competition. It is expected that History Day will continue to grow, in part due to its applicability to meeting graduation standards.

⇒ *Minnesota Historical Society Press* - The MHS Press, the oldest publisher in the state helps to fulfill the Society’s mission by providing materials for readers interested in Minnesota’s past. Through popular and scholarly titles, the MHS Press not only encourages research, but it also helps a wider audience learn about Minnesota history. The number of units shipped by the publications area (including books, tapes, CDs, posters) has shown steady increases each year over the past decade, with 25 books published in FY 2006.

⇒ *Historic Preservation and Field Services* - The Society, as directed by state and federal law, serves as Minnesota’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). This office maintains the *National Register of Historic Places* for properties in Minnesota, provides reviews for compliance with applicable federal laws, and educates the public about the values and benefits of maintaining cultural resources and the historic environment. In 2005, the SHPO conducted over 3,000 reviews of state and federal projects to ensure compliance with applicable laws. In addition, the office conducts reviews of applications for the various competitive, matching grant programs administered by the Society, and it helps to coordinate the Society’s contact with the state’s 450 county and local historical organizations. Through matching requirements, state funds are leveraged to accomplished projects with minimal state investment.

⇒ *Information Technology* - The use of information technology has enhanced the Society's ability to deliver programs and collections to the public. The Society's web site (www.mnhs.org) is an active destination for researchers and users of the History Center, historic sites, educational programs, and public events. In FY 2006, there were over 6.5 million "visitor sessions." Among the top destinations on the Society's web page were pages with information about death records, the National Register of Historic Places, the Historic Sites Network and specific sites, and other popular programs.

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Web sites, relating to MHS and the Education and Outreach Program:

Minnesota Historical Society homepage: <http://www.mnhs.org>

Minnesota History Center General Information: <http://www.mnhs.org/places/historycenter/index.html>

Historic Sites Network (with links to specific sites): <http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/index.html>

State Historic Preservation Office (with links to National Register of Historic Places, grants information):
<http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/shpo/index.html>

MHS Press: <http://www.mnhs.org/market/mhspress/index.html>

School and Educational Programs: <http://www.mnhs.org/school/index.html>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program: EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Program Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	2008-09
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	13,191	13,191	13,141	13,141	26,282
Forecast Base	13,191	13,191	13,141	13,141	26,282
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	13,191	13,191	13,141	13,141	26,282
Statutory Appropriations					
Misc Special Revenue	898	898	898	898	1,796
Federal	340	340	340	340	680
Gift	11,160	11,160	11,160	11,160	22,320
Total	25,589	25,589	25,539	25,539	51,078
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	13,054	13,403	13,835	14,269	28,104
Other Operating Expenses	10,761	10,436	9,963	9,539	19,502
Capital Outlay & Real Property	264	261	256	250	506
Local Assistance	322	301	297	293	590
Other Financial Transactions	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188	2,376
Total	25,589	25,589	25,539	25,539	51,078
<u>Expenditures by Activity</u>					
Hist Sites, Mus, Statewide Sv	21,800	21,741	21,691	21,691	43,382
Information & Program Delivery	722	781	781	781	1,562
Hist Ctr Bldg & Debt Service	3,067	3,067	3,067	3,067	6,134
Total	25,589	25,589	25,539	25,539	51,078
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	228.3	243.4	243.4	243.2	

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program: EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Activity: HIST SITES, MUS, STATEWIDE SV

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	9,512	9,453	9,403	9,403	18,806
Statutory Appropriations					
Misc Special Revenue	898	898	898	898	1,796
Federal	340	340	340	340	680
Gift	11,050	11,050	11,050	11,050	22,100
Total	21,800	21,741	21,691	21,691	43,382
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	12,564	12,860	13,274	13,690	26,964
Other Operating Expenses	8,650	8,319	7,864	7,458	15,322
Capital Outlay & Real Property	264	261	256	250	506
Local Assistance	322	301	297	293	590
Total	21,800	21,741	21,691	21,691	43,382
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	222.0	235.9	235.9	235.7	

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program: EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Activity: HIST CTR BLDG & DEBT SERVICE

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	3,067	3,067	3,067	3,067	6,134
Total	3,067	3,067	3,067	3,067	6,134
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Other Operating Expenses	1,879	1,879	1,879	1,879	3,758
Other Financial Transactions	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188	2,376
Total	3,067	3,067	3,067	3,067	6,134

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program: EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Activity: INFORMATION & PROGRAM DELIVERY

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	612	671	671	671	1,342
Statutory Appropriations					
Gift	110	110	110	110	220
Total	722	781	781	781	1,562
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	490	543	561	579	1,140
Other Operating Expenses	232	238	220	202	422
Total	722	781	781	781	1,562
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	6.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	

Program Description

This program helps to fulfill the Minnesota Historical Society's (Society's) mission of "collecting and caring for materials that document human life in Minnesota, and making them known and accessible to people in Minnesota and beyond." Through a variety of public programs, the Society preserves paper, artifacts, and other media that document Minnesota history.

Population Served

In addition to acquiring, processing, and conserving collections, the Society annually serves the following number of customers through the Preservation and Access Program:

- ◆ 39,000 patrons served, including:
- ◆ 29,500 in person inquiries at the History Center Library
- ◆ 6,700 inquiries by telephone
- ◆ 3,052 inquiries by mail and email
- ◆ In addition, the Society's web site has experienced large increases in usage, especially as more collections-related information has been added to the web site. In 2006, over 6.5 million "visitor sessions" occurred on www.mnhs.org. Among the more popular pages on the site are collections catalogs and specific resources, such as the Visual Resources Database and the Minnesota Death Records Database.

Program at a Glance

The Society currently holds for and makes accessible to the people of Minnesota:

- ◆ 415,054 books, pamphlets and periodicals
- ◆ 36,538 cubic feet of manuscripts and 5,922 reels of microfilmed manuscripts
- ◆ 54,743 cubic feet of government records and 11,853 reels of microfilmed records
- ◆ 21,327 maps and atlases
- ◆ 500,000 photographs, albums, and collections
- ◆ 6,100 works of art
- ◆ Over 1.5 million archaeological artifacts
- ◆ Four million issues of 4,000 Minnesota newspapers on 69,484 reels of microfilm
- ◆ Over 260,000 historical artifacts

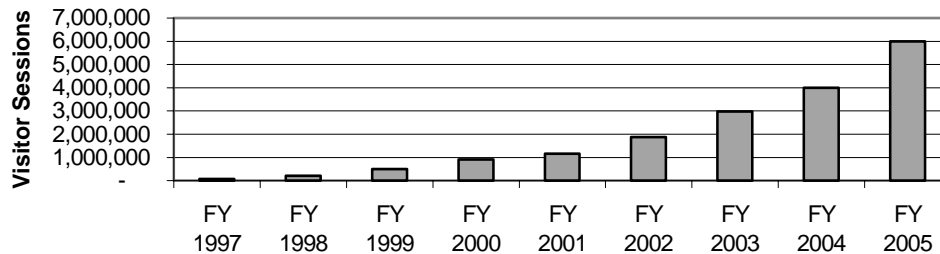
Services Provided

Through this program, the Society provides a number of services to the public to preserve and make collections available today and for future generations:

- ⇒ *Library* -- The History Center Library makes accessible to nearly 40,000 patrons each year the written, visual, and oral history materials relating to Minnesota's past.
- ⇒ *State Archives* -- The Minnesota Historical Society is statutorily responsible for working with state and local units of government to evaluate the historical importance of all of Minnesota's governmental records and arrange for their permanent preservation or disposal. This activity has experienced constant growth, and is continuing to examine how best to handle records that are increasingly more complex and varied in their form and media.
- ⇒ *Processing and Conservation* -- Materials selected for inclusion in the Society's collections are organized, catalogued, and treated to ensure their long-term stability and usability.
- ⇒ *Repair and Replacement* -- Since many of the Society's buildings are more than 100 years old, caring for them presents unique, and usually costly, challenges. This activity provides for ordinary but necessary repairs for structures in the History Center and in the Historic Sites Network.
- ⇒ *Archaeology* -- The archaeology department provides help to the public and other departments of the Society. Recent work has included assistance with historic sites capital projects such as the Sibley Historic Site, the Lindbergh House Historic Site and the Mill City Museum in Minneapolis.
- ⇒ *Information Technology* -- The use of information technology has enhanced the Society's ability to deliver programs and collections to the public. The Society's web site (www.mnhs.org) is an active destination for researchers. In the last year, there were over six million "visitor sessions." To date, nearly 200,000 records including 120,000 digital images are available, including photographs, artwork, and posters from the Society's

collection. In addition, an online index of 1.7 million death certificates recorded between 1908 and 1959 was recently launched, and has become one of the most popular destinations on the web site.

Web Site Users



Historical Perspective

A significant part of the Society’s mission involves the collection, conservation, and preservation of the state’s cultural heritage and governmental records. The Society started this undertaking in 1849, even before Minnesota became a state. Over the years, the Society has successfully adapted to changing technology, beginning with the introduction of microfilming methods in the mid-twentieth century. In recent years, the Society has begun to offer these resources to the public through the internet. While we will never “digitize” all of the collections, we have begun to offer catalog information about the collections to researchers and genealogists. (The death records collection is a good example of this.) Our continuing challenge is to determine the best ways to continue to collect and preserve these materials, while using the latest technology to deliver them to the public.

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Library: including catalogs, special databases and genealogy information:
<http://www.mnhs.org/library/index.html>

PALS - Online catalog to MHS collections:
<http://www.pals.msus.edu/cgi-bin/pals-cgi?palsAction=newSearch&setWeb=MHSCATT>

Visual Resources Database (including photograph collections) <http://collections.mnhs.org/visualresources/>

Death Records Index site: <http://people.mnhs.org/dci/Search.cfm>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program: PRESERVATION & ACCESS

Program Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	2008-09
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	9,772	9,772	9,772	9,772	19,544
Forecast Base	9,772	9,772	9,772	9,772	19,544
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	9,772	9,772	9,772	9,772	19,544
Statutory Appropriations					
Gift	3,513	3,513	3,513	3,513	7,026
Total	13,285	13,285	13,285	13,285	26,570
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	7,498	7,871	8,125	8,389	16,514
Other Operating Expenses	4,663	4,457	4,206	3,945	8,151
Capital Outlay & Real Property	186	22	19	16	35
Local Assistance	4	1	1	1	2
Other Financial Transactions	934	934	934	934	1,868
Total	13,285	13,285	13,285	13,285	26,570
<u>Expenditures by Activity</u>					
Collection Services	9,736	9,673	9,673	9,673	19,346
Information & Program Delivery	1,162	1,225	1,225	1,225	2,450
Hist Ctr Bldg & Debt Service	2,387	2,387	2,387	2,387	4,774
Total	13,285	13,285	13,285	13,285	26,570
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	120.1	127.9	127.9	127.9	

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Program: PRESERVATION & ACCESS
Activity: COLLECTION SERVICES

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	6,578	6,515	6,515	6,515	13,030
Statutory Appropriations					
Gift	3,158	3,158	3,158	3,158	6,316
Total	9,736	9,673	9,673	9,673	19,346
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	6,696	7,015	7,242	7,477	14,719
Other Operating Expenses	2,850	2,635	2,411	2,179	4,590
Capital Outlay & Real Property	186	22	19	16	35
Local Assistance	4	1	1	1	2
Total	9,736	9,673	9,673	9,673	19,346
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	107.3	113.8	113.8	113.8	

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program: PRESERVATION & ACCESS

Activity: HIST CTR BLDG & DEBT SERVICE

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	2,387	2,387	2,387	2,387	4,774
Total	2,387	2,387	2,387	2,387	4,774
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Other Operating Expenses	1,453	1,453	1,453	1,453	2,906
Other Financial Transactions	934	934	934	934	1,868
Total	2,387	2,387	2,387	2,387	4,774

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program: PRESERVATION & ACCESS

Activity: INFORMATION & PROGRAM DELIVERY

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	807	870	870	870	1,740
Statutory Appropriations					
Gift	355	355	355	355	710
Total	1,162	1,225	1,225	1,225	2,450
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	802	856	883	912	1,795
Other Operating Expenses	360	369	342	313	655
Total	1,162	1,225	1,225	1,225	2,450
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	12.8	14.1	14.1	14.1	

Minnesota International Center (MIC)

Established in 1953 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, the MIC mission is to inspire our community to understand global issues and cultures in an ever changing world. Serving as Minnesota’s Door to the World, MIC provides international education programs in the classroom, the community, the workplace and the home. MIC is a member-supported organization with more than 2,000 individual members, 36 corporate members and benefits from the services of more than 1,000 volunteers.

In the classroom, MIC’s International Classroom Connection (ICC) program brought the world first-hand to more than **16,000** children in K-12 schools with **72** international presenters from **38** countries. Nearly **600** presentations helped enhance students’ knowledge of the changing world and encourage respect for diversity and other cultures.

In the workplace, MIC’s International Visitor Leadership program (IVLP) coordinates professional meetings between international emerging leaders, visiting the U.S. as guests of the U.S. Department of State, and their Minnesotan counterparts. This mutually beneficial program allows for the exchange of ideas and best practices. Last year, nearly **300** Minnesota companies and organizations met with **322** visiting professionals from **99** countries. In the home, MIC also offers Minnesotans the opportunity to host international professionals and students for dinner. In the 2005-06 program year, **368** international guests from **99** countries participated in **146** dinners in MIC’s member’s homes.

In the community, MIC encourages Minnesotans to explore international events through first-hand accounts by expert speakers. Last year, MIC sponsored and cosponsored **43** World Affairs events with an attendance of more than **9,000**. Speakers included His Excellency Tae-sik Lee, the Republic of Korea’s ambassador to the US as well as his counterpart, His Excellency Alexander Vershbow; Lech Walesa, former president of Poland; and James McGregor, former *Wall Street Journal* bureau chief in Beijing. MIC also sponsors *Great Decisions*, a statewide network of **46** discussion groups. In the 2005-06 program year, **394** meetings were held by these groups to discuss international issues and concerns.

Programs of the Minnesota International Center help encourage the citizens of Minnesota to have an international mindset while bringing national and international recognition to the state. MIC is the 6th largest of the 96 World Affairs Councils of America (WACA.) Its ICC schools program was recognized with the 2006 Carol Marquis Award for Excellence in Schools Programming at the WACA National Conference, and MIC’s IVLP manager was awarded the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV) Outstanding Program Agency Programmer Award at the 2006 NCIV National Meeting in Washington D.C.

Minnesota Military Museum

The Minnesota Military Museum, located at Camp Ripley, is operated by the Military Historical Society of Minnesota. It exists to document, preserve, and depict the stories and contributions of Minnesotans who have served in all branches of military service and on the home front in time of peace and war from Minnesota’s early years to the present. Exhibits and publications are intended to foster awareness and understanding of how armed conflicts and military institutions have shaped our state and national experience. The museum also functions as a major repository in Minnesota for historical military artifacts and records.

Our mission is state-oriented and we depend on state support. We receive no direct funds from the federal government, the military, or local government. Our self funding – gift shop sales, investment income, and contributions from veterans’ organizations and individuals – has grown steadily and accounts for over 75% of our operating revenue. Private fund-raising is hampered due to the museum’s location and the public’s perception that it’s a government-supported military activity.

Program at a Glance

The Minnesota Historical Society serves as the pass through agency for certain organizations determined by the Minnesota Legislature. Those organizations are:

- ◆ Minnesota International Center (MIC)
- ◆ Minnesota Military Museum
- ◆ Minnesota Air National Guard Museum
- ◆ Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center (Farmamerica)

At a glance:

- ◆ 13,000 visitors per year
- ◆ 65 tours per year
- ◆ 30,000 artifacts
- ◆ 7,000 books in reference library
- ◆ 160 archives in linear feet
- ◆ 12,000 photographs
- ◆ 1,400 volunteer hours worked last year

Minnesota Air Guard Museum

The Minnesota Air Guard Museum serves as a community resource for the preservation of aviation history, (especially military) offering activities and education for all ages.

The private, nonprofit Minnesota Air National Guard Historical Foundation, Inc. has the funding responsibility for the museum. The museum is located on the Minnesota Air National Guard Base at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. The Minnesota Air Guard owns most of the aircraft and displays them in an air park next to the museum.

Sources of Financial Support:

- ⇒ Membership has increased to 415. That is as high as it has been in recent years.
- ⇒ The \$19,000 state biennial grant represents 25% of our income.
- ⇒ Museum visitors have decreased over the last few years and as a result revenue is down. We expect about 11,000 visitors in 2002.
- ⇒ Private gifts and grants amount to about \$6,500, 10% of our revenue.

Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center (MAIC) AKA Farmamerica

Agency Vision and Mission Statement:

The vision of the MAIC is to teach people of all ages about our agricultural, food and environmental systems and their impact on our lives. The mission of the Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center is to carry out the vision through public and private partnerships and interactive experiences for visitors to the site. To accomplish this mission, MAIC maintains a 120-acre interpretive site and facilities located four miles west of Waseca on Waseca County Road 2. MAIC provides educational experiences for people of all ages.

Trends, Policies, and Other Issues Affecting the Demand for Services:

The governor and Minnesota state legislature commissioned the MAIC in 1978 to tell the important story of Minnesota's agriculture. It is a not-for-profit educational institution administered by a volunteer board of directors. The story of agriculture is being told through guided tours, hands-on experiential learning experiences, festivals, and exhibitions. Visitors travel on a one-mile timeline road and become involved in activities as they move to the prairie/pond/marsh to the settlement farm of the 1850s. They continue by the one-room schoolhouse, the country church, the 1920/1930s dairy farm, the feed mill, and the blacksmith shop/town hall. The next stop would be the Agri-Hall Museum and the 1970s farm exhibit. The final stop is the newly constructed Visitor's Center that has a modern farm exhibit that projects the future of agriculture.

Trends – technology changes, fewer people involved in farming:

With the tremendous technology changes going on in agriculture and with fewer people involved, there is more need and demand to tell the agriculture story – past, present, and future. In recent years, over 30,000 participated in the school and group tours, outreach programs, and festivals during June - September, as well as the All Hallows Eve and the Holiday Traditions events.

Continued improvements have been made to site facilities since 1978 on the original 120 acres. Facilities and improvements have been made to realize the goals to develop the site with safe and accessible facilities to support educational interpretive public programming about Minnesota's agriculture.

Significant progress has been made to provide necessary facilities in keeping with strategic plans with the most recent addition of the 10,000 square foot visitors center in 2000 and the security and accessibility improvements in 2001/2002. Presently, Farmamerica is focusing on maximizing use of those facilities and assuring that they are programmed and available to the public.

MAIC is Working to Expand Its Support Base:

With limited funds, it has accomplished much through the help of over 450 volunteers from 37 communities that conduct the programs.

Farmamerica is working aggressively to expand its funding base. It is continuing to develop new revenue sources including the expanded membership program, sponsorship program, naming rights program, annual fundraiser, and expanded user fee based programs and services. Donations and grant funds continue to be pursued for public programming.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program: PASS THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS

Program Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	354	370	170	170	340
Technical Adjustments					
Biennial Appropriations			84	0	84
Forecast Base	354	370	254	170	424
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	354	370	254	170	424
Total	354	370	254	170	424
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Local Assistance	354	370	254	170	424
Total	354	370	254	170	424
<u>Expenditures by Activity</u>					
Mn International Center	43	42	43	42	85
Mn Air National Guard Museum	16	0	16	0	16
Mn Military Museum	67	0	67	0	67
Farmamerica	128	128	128	128	256
Otter Tail County Veterans Mus	100	0	0	0	0
Mn Agricultural Interp Ctr	0	200	0	0	0
Total	354	370	254	170	424

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<i>Non Dedicated Revenue:</i>					
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Dedicated Receipts:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
Misc Special Revenue	898	898	898	898	1,796
Grants:					
Federal	340	340	340	340	680
Gift	14,673	14,673	14,673	14,673	29,346
Total Dedicated Receipts	15,911	15,911	15,911	15,911	31,822
Agency Total Revenue	15,911	15,911	15,911	15,911	31,822