

# Agency 54 - Nebraska State Historical Society

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## Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) has primary responsibility for the preservation of Nebraska's history. NSHS was first organized in 1878 as a private, non-profit corporation. In 1883 it was designated an institution of state government. In 1994 NSHS became an independent state agency. It has been given authority to fulfill its missions by Chapter 82 (as amended), Sections 101-118 of the Revised Statutes and by related laws, including those concerning the Historical Markers Program, Chapter 82-201-206; the Records Management Act, Chapter 82-1202-1216; and the Hall of Fame Commission, Chapter 72, Sections 728-729.01.

## Vision Statement:

The NSHS vision is most fully articulated in the Nebraska State Historical Society Strategic Plan, that was adopted by the Society Board of Trustees on March 15, 1996 and last updated in June 2004. The plan outlines the results of a two-year effort by staff, the Board of Trustees, the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHS Foundation), consultants, and various constituent groups to evaluate every aspect of Society operations and provide overall direction for the Society.

## Mission Statement:

The Nebraska State Historical Society is a complex, multi-faceted institution that must serve numerous constituent groups. As an entity of state government the Society must also be aware of and operate efficiently within the realities of that system. The NSHS Strategic Plan emphasizes public service, efficiency, and partnerships with other state agencies, private cultural and ethnic organizations, and citizen groups, as key elements of how the Society will fulfill its stated mission to "collect, preserve, and open to all, the histories we share."

## Goals:

Strategic plan goals cited below fit within the over-arching theme of communication, with area emphases on Communicating Resources; Communicating Needs; Public Dialogue; Institutional Dialogue; and Communications Technology.

- 1) Create widespread awareness of NSHS and how people can use its resources for their edification, education, and entertainment.
- 2) Acquire and maintain adequate financial support to underwrite NSHS operations.
- 3) Maximize development opportunities for private funds.
- 4) Ensure NSHS collections, constituents, and staff occupy optimal facilities.
- 5) Foster a sense of ownership among Nebraskans of their own histories.
- 6) Increase relevance of NSHS to Nebraskans, members, and other audiences through programs and products.
- 7) Use NSHS website to create virtual communities of the public interested in Nebraska history.
- 8) Optimize Board members as ongoing resources for NSHS.
- 9) Ensure staffing levels that allow NSHS to serve Nebraskans effectively.
- 10) Make information technology integral to realizing strategic plan.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	3,777,292	3,843,474	4,386,418	3,955,272	4,354,396	4,089,198
Cash Fund	769,319	1,270,313	1,311,324	1,313,895	1,313,865	1,336,589
Federal Fund	561,458	940,594	654,740	664,664	655,150	676,802
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>5,108,069</b>	<b>6,054,381</b>	<b>6,352,482</b>	<b>5,933,831</b>	<b>6,323,411</b>	<b>6,102,589</b>

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## Program 648 - Nebraska State Historical Society

### Program Objectives:

The Nebraska State Historical Society has the primary responsibility for the preservation of Nebraska's history. The Society has been given authority to fulfill its mission by Chapter 82 (as amended) Sections 101-118 of the Revised Statutes and related laws.

The Society is the primary institution with responsibility to collect, preserve, research, and interpret artifacts, documents, and published materials related to Nebraska's heritage. As an agency of state government, the Society holds all of the Society's current and future collections in trust for the state and has all the authority granted to it by law.

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### Performance Measures:

**Administration:** Provides overall leadership for the Society and secures and administers the resources necessary to accomplish the overall mission of the Society.

**Research and Publications:** Promotes research leading to a better understanding of the history and culture of Nebraska and its people.

**Library/Archives:** Safeguards the documentary heritage of Nebraska for the use of all.

**Museum Divisions:** The purpose of the museum is to gather, preserve, research, and interpret artifacts and sites representing Nebraska's rich and diverse human experience, and to provide the broadest possible public access to these resources.

**Historic Sites:** Educates people about Nebraska's past through historic artifacts and historic places, which are carefully preserved and interpreted at seven sites.

**Archeology:** Preserves, enhances, explores and interprets Nebraska's archeological resources for the benefit of the public and the advancement of science.

**Ford Conservation Center:** Conserve the historical, cultural and educational collections of the State of Nebraska and surrounding areas through preservation activities and conservation treatment of objects, books, manuscripts and photographs.

**Skeletal Remains Protection Act:** Archeological staff consults with law enforcement officials and county attorneys as needed (ten to thirty such cases per year) to determine the origin and identity of remains as required by the Unmarked Human Burial Sites and Skeletal Remains Protection Act, LB340 and other related federal legislation.

### Governor's Recommendation Includes:

Note: the budget recommendation and historical spending presented for Program 648 includes programs 542 and 647. The 2003-2005 Biennium budget presented these as three distinct programs.