



TIME TO ACT

THE CASE FOR A STATE OF UTAH HISTORY & ART COLLECTION CENTER

For more than a century, the state has built a collection of fine arts, folk arts, and historical artifacts. Combined, these collections include more than 1.8 million objects and have a value of nearly \$125 million.

Putting Our State Treasures At Risk

The poor storage conditions for the fine art and historic collections has already caused deterioration of artifacts and threatens many more pieces. Staff work in cramped quarters that fall short of professional standards for research and preservation, and limited remaining space makes continued growth of the collection difficult. These collections provide a tangible and visual history of the state and all of its diverse peoples. These tell our story. Without a new storage facility, we risk losing that story.

Protecting Our State Treasures

In collaboration with state and community partners, the Utah Department of Heritage & Arts proposes a 36,174-square-foot storage facility at a cost of \$18.6 million. This will integrate into the Rio Grande neighborhood revitalization in downtown Salt Lake City. A public exhibition space will showcase the state-owned treasures while also meeting the storage, research, and preservation needs.

“The fine art and historic artifacts owned by the state tell an important story, and they should be preserved in a way that meets the highest professional standards. This facility will provide those important protections while also allowing for broader public viewing.”

Governor
Gary R. Herbert

Safety

- Current storage areas cannot be retrofitted
- Staff need safe, professional work spaces
- Preservation needs require stronger environmental controls

Community Activation

- Multi-use space for public programming
- Makes collections visible
- Community gathering space

Public Service

- Staging area for Traveling Exhibitions
- Expanded exhibitions for schools, libraries, and rural communities
- Receive and host local and national exhibitions

Cost Effective

- Will use high-density shelving
- Saves the costs of additional land usage needs
- Planned for at least 10 years of growth

A new State of Utah History & Art Collection Center will further Heritage & Arts commitment to the area while allowing us to protect and share Utah's culture.