Preservation Alliance of West Virginia

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Since 1982, the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia (PAWV) has served as the statewide grassroots nonprofit dedicated to supporting and promoting historic preservation.

Images from the 2025 West Virginia Historic Preservation Conference held in Wheeling, May 2025.

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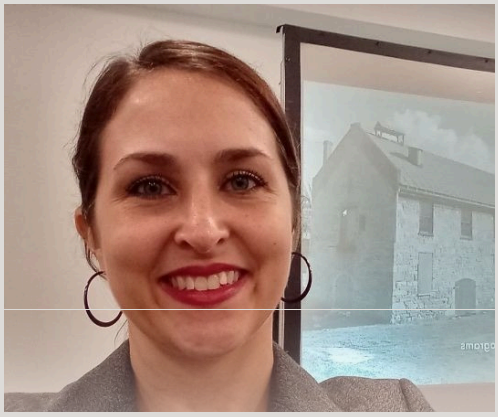

YEAR IN REVIEW

Letter from Danielle Parker, Executive Director

Across West Virginia, people turn to PAWV for help caring for historic places, whether they face challenges now or simply want to plan for the future. We support historic homeowners, communities facing demolition or unfriendly development, and preservation efforts at every level. Together, we are protecting the places that anchor our communities and reflect our shared history, and I look forward to continuing this work with you in the year ahead!

$591K	25	160
Historic Preservation Grants Disbursed	Preserve WV AmeriCorps Members	Conference Attendees

OUR TEAM & BOARD

Staff:

- **Danielle Parker,** Executive Director
- **Jamie Billman,** Preservation Manager

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- **Cade Vogelsong,** President
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- **Phyllis Baxter,** Treasurer
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- **David Sibray,** Beckley
- **Ken Lindsay,** Charleston
- **William "Skip" Deegans,** Lewisburg

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- **Jon Smith,** Wheeling
- **Greg Coble,** Shepherdstown
- **Rebecca Juarez,** Mannington
- **Shannon Tinnell,** Morgantown

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- **Meredith Dreistadt,** WV State Historic Preservation Office
- **Jennifer Brennan,** WV Main Street & OnTRAC

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

In 2025, PAWV supported 8 projects statewide with $591,811 in funding via its Saving Historic Places & Fund for Historic Schools Grant These grant projects finished up after being awarded funds in 2022-2024. Subgrants are supported by the Paul Bruhn Rural Revitalization Fund (National Park Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior).

Saving Historic Places Grants Completed:

1. Hughes House Window Rehab (Wheeling) - $10,000
2. Tyree Tavern Stabilization (Ansted) - $68,000
3. Infamous Arts Collective Windows (Buckhannon) - $11,500
4. Kerns' Cabin Roof Rehab (Morgantown) - $22,500
5. Logan House Roof Rehab (Beverly) - $50,000

Fund for Historic Schools Grants Completed:

1. Waiteville Community Center Window Rehab* (Monroe County) - $50,000
2. Avalon Community Center Window Rehab (Calhoun County) - $234,000
3. Rupert School Roof & Window Rehab (Greenbrier County) - $275,000

*Pictured below is the historic Waiteville School, which is being converted into an emergency center and is currently used for community events. Funding was used to rehabilitate 26, 10-light metal windows and install interior storm windows.

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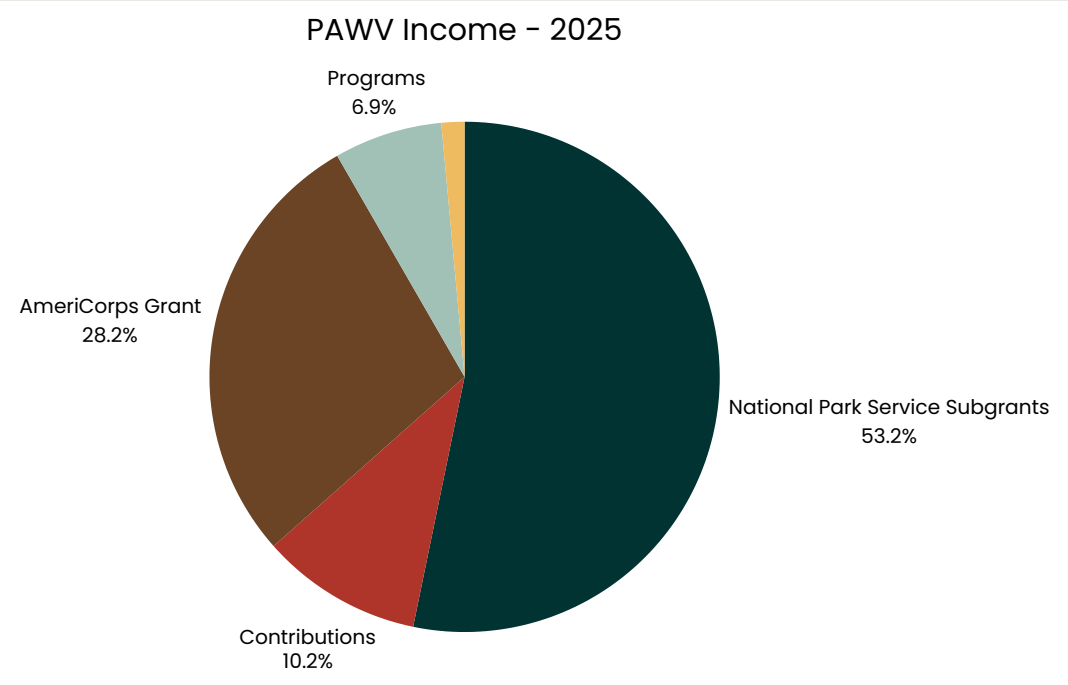
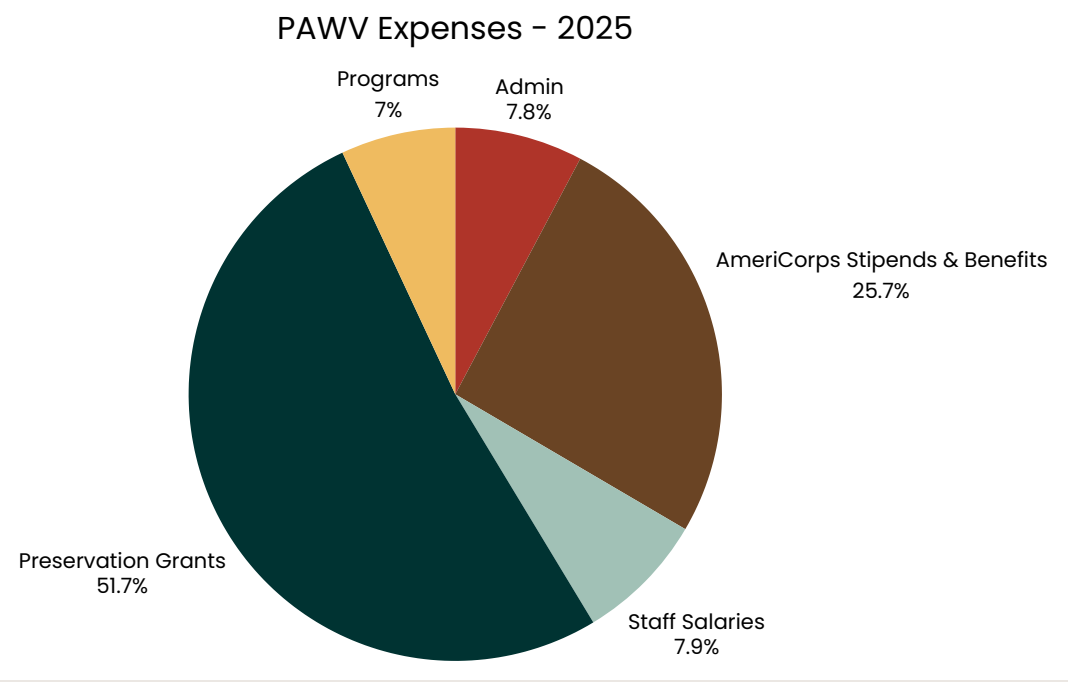
FINANCIAL HEALTH

PAWV's total income from the year was $1.12 million from a combination of grant sources and private donations. PAWV's total expenses for the year were $1.14 million with over 75% of expenses for preservation subgrants and AmeriCorps benefits. PAWV does a lot with a small administrative budget!





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ADVOCACY REPORT

PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INDUSTRY

In 2025, PAWV worked with Senator Shelley Moore Capito on the reintroduction of the Rural Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Improvement Act - a bill to increase the HTC to 30% for small rural projects (under $5 million), as well as streamline reporting and make the federal HTC transferable.

Through our work with the Abandoned Properties Coalition, we worked with Senator Ryan Weld to introduce legislation at the state level to align the state historic rehabilitation tax credit with the federal, thereby securing investments and reducing confusion for the program. Although it did not pass last session, it did set us up to hit the ground running in 2026 to get this bill passed!

The historic Calhoun High School (Fund for Historic Schools subgrant) is being adaptively reused by the 1982 Foundation for housing, offices, and more!

THANK YOU!

Left to right: Jamie Billman, Sharon David (AmeriCorps Alum) and Danielle Parker

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