

**Nominee:** Missoula Carousel Expansion

**Award:** Grant Project of the Year

**Statement of Nomination:**

A Carousel for Missoula will build a 640 square foot expansion to its current building, with a second story over half of the ground floor. The pony barn expansion will integrate with the existing building and give a glimpse of what visitors will find inside the building. A carved, limestone panel will grace the exterior. The expansion will house a museum, to tell the story of the creation of the Carousel and Dragon Hollow Playarea; a workshop where volunteers can teach classes, carve, sand, paint, work on the Carousel's frame and motor, and demonstrate and teach their skills to visitors; and an office to replace the one displaced in the remodel. The gift shop will be enlarged when the current workshop is replaced by the new one; an enclosed class/party/meeting room will be created; a small bathroom will be added for employee use; upgrades will be installed to increase the building's energy efficiency; and storage will be added.

