

City of Millwood CLG Survey Cost Estimate:

Provided by Ann Sharley, Senior Architectural Historian, AHA! (Architectural History & Archaeology! LLC), Spokane Valley, May 2026.

Project background and preliminary information:

In June 2026 the City of Millwood Certified Local Government (CLG) plans to apply for a grant to fund a historic survey within the city limits but outside the existing National Register of Historic Places Historic District. The intent of the survey is to identify properties that are eligible for inclusion in the Millwood Register of Historic Places. This information will be used to target outreach and education which will coincide with the City's centennial in 2027.

The City of Millwood, in consultation with the State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), is considering four possible areas for the survey, should they be awarded the funding:

1. The area north and west of the existing Historic District, an area with an estimated 171 properties. DAHP refers to this area as "Potential 1".
2. The area south of the existing Historic District, extending to the railroad tracks, an area with an estimated 188 properties. DAHP refers to this area as "Potential 2".
3. The area east of Argonne and south of the paper mill and railroad, which includes the City Park, historic Water Tower, and City Hall. The number of properties in this area has not been determined.
4. All properties in the City of Millwood outside the existing Historic District, should funding allow such a project.

Previous AHA! CLG Projects:

Ann Sharley, AHA! Architectural Historian, has completed six CLG grant surveys over the past 10 years:

1. Colville, 2025, 30 Historic Property Inventory forms, 331 reconnaissance properties, and a survey report, \$13,000.
2. Colfax, 2022, 44 Historic Property Inventory forms and a survey report, \$14,000.
3. Waterville, 2021, 65 Historic Property Inventory forms and a survey report, \$6,250.
4. Colfax, 2017, 54 Historic Property Inventory forms and a survey report, \$10,000.
5. Lewiston, 2016, 72 Idaho Historic Sites Inventory forms and a survey report, \$10,000.
6. Walla Walla, 2015, 153 Historic Property Inventory forms (the project was advertised as 100 properties) and a survey report, \$10,000.

Please note that, although funding levels have improved in recent years, all CLG grant projects are underfunded; this, of course, is to make the limited funds stretch further. Many, and perhaps most, cultural resource consulting firms cannot afford to take these projects. Each of the

projects listed above, if commissioned today by a state university or federal agency, would be funded at \$20,000 or more.

AHA! Recommendations:

In all the following possible survey types, building exteriors would be recorded with notes and photographs as visible from public roadways and sidewalks and little historic research would be done.

Survey level greater than reconnaissance but less than intensive:

- \$14,000 - \$15,000 of the grant funding will go to the cultural resource contractor.
- Historic Property Inventory forms at a level greater than reconnaissance but less than intensive will be completed, including detailed architectural descriptions and numerous photos; little historical research will be done.
- The contractor will make recommendations regarding eligibility of each property for the Millwood Register of Historic Places, and if desired the National Register of Historic Places, based on architecture and integrity, but generally not history.
- A survey report will be completed.
- For this type of survey, AHA! recommends no more than 90-100 properties.

Reconnaissance survey level:

- \$14,000 - \$15,000 of the grant funding will go to the cultural resource contractor.
- A reconnaissance survey will be completed and the final deliverables will consist of very brief descriptions, including one photo, of each property (but NO Historic Property Inventory forms).
- The contractor will make recommendations regarding eligibility of each property for the Millwood Register of Historic Places, and if desired the National Register of Historic Places, based on architecture and integrity, but generally not history.
- A survey report will be completed.
- With this type of survey, it may be possible to evaluate the historic significance of all Millwood buildings outside the existing Historic District, perhaps 600 – 700 properties. Historic Property Inventory forms with more detailed architectural descriptions could be included in future grant rounds.

A combination of greater than reconnaissance/less than intensive and reconnaissance (see survey level descriptions above):

- Historic Property Inventory forms completed for a few particularly significant historical buildings/structures - perhaps City Hall, the City Park, and the Water Tower. Other buildings in the City would be recorded at the reconnaissance level.

AHA! is available much of the time should there be additional questions:

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AHA! may also be willing to negotiate the project cost if needed.

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Professional Experience

- **Senior Architectural Historian, Staff Archaeologist.** Architectural History & Archaeology! LLC, Spokane Valley, Washington (2014-present).
- **Architectural Historian, Archaeologist.** Northwest Archaeological Associates, Inc./SWCA Environmental Consultants, Seattle, Washington (2009-2014).
- **Architectural Historian, Archaeologist.** Archaeological and Historical Services, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Washington (2001-2009).
- **Archaeologist, Architectural Historian.** Bureau of Land Management, Spokane, Washington (1994-2001).
- **Archaeological Technician.** Colville National Forest, Newport, Washington (1991-1994).
- **Archaeological Records Technician.** North Idaho Regional Archaeological Center, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho (1989-1991).
- **Archaeologist.** Ometepe Petroglyph Project, Nicaragua; University of the Negev Sinai Excavations, Israel (various years).

Education / Training

- **M.A., Historic Preservation,** Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, 2009
- **B.A., Anthropology,** Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Washington, 2000

Registration / Certification

- Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for Architectural History
- Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)
- CPR and First Aid, American Heart Association
- OSHA 40 Hour HAZWOPER

Experience Summary

Ann Sharley is an Architectural Historian and Archaeologist with more than 20 years of professional cultural resources experience in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska, and several foreign countries. Ms. Sharley exceeds the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Architectural History and is a Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA). Ann maintains memberships in a number of professional organizations, including the Society of Architectural Historians, and regularly presents papers and posters at professional meetings.