

NATIONAL HISTORICAL Publications & Records Commission

Access to Historical Records

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Agenda

- Access to Historical Records overview:
 - Important webpages
 - Eligible applicants
 - Eligible/ineligible activities
 - Proposed deadlines
 - Drafts
 - Other important information
 - Tips and FAQs
 - Q&A

http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/access.html - Access to Historical Records grant announcement webpage

<u>http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/access-faqs.html</u> -Access to Historical Records FAQs

http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/eligibility.html - What We Do/Do Not Fund webpage

http://blogs.archives.gov/nhprc - NHPRC's "Annotations" blog

*** I will post this page again later in the presentation

Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations or institutions
- United States colleges, universities, and other academic institutions
- State or local government agencies
- Federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups

Eligible Activities

- Preservation, arrangement, and online description of archival materials
- Digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio/moving image formats
- Retrospective conversion of descriptive information (legacy finding aids to EAD, for instance)
- Digitization of collections or series processed during the grant project

Examples of Ineligible Activities

- Digitization of already processed records (see Digital Dissemination of Archival Records grant announcement to do this)
- Preservation surveys or archival needs assessments
- Documentation surveys
- Collecting/acquiring archival records
- Archival start-ups, including electronic records start-ups
- Projects involving books, newspapers, or works of art
- Oral history projects unrelated to Native Americans

Deadlines

- Drafts: Friday, 3 April 2015
- Final application: Wednesday, 17 June 2015
- Awards announced: November/December 2015
- NHPRC support begins 1 January 2016 or later

Drafts:

- Submit to me via email at <u>alexander.lorch@nara.gov</u>.
- Requires narrative and budget at minimum.
- Don't procrastinate. Drafts read in the order they are received.
- Final application submitted via Grants.gov website according to application instructions.

Other Important Information

"National historical significance"

- Benefits a broad number of researchers
- Selected series/collection must have nationally significant subject content
- Include citations if possible
- Use statistics to prove demand
- Demonstrate how access to records will increase public understanding of the national experience
- Letters of support from scholars are your friend
- Crowdsourcing and citizen engagement activities encouraged. Techniques might include tagging, geo-location, wiki sites, direct user feedback, and mobile applications.
- Cost share equaling at least 50% of total project costs is required.
- Grant funds cannot pay indirect costs.
- Grants normally for 1-2 years and up to \$200,000. The Commission would expect to make about 14 awards for a total of \$1,000,000.

Tips & FAQs – page 1

- Read, digest, and follow grant announcement rules and instructions
- Determine whether your organization is eligible
- Can your institution provide 50% cost share?
- Contact your SHRAB coordinator
 <u>http://www.statearchivists.org/</u>

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Contact an NHPRC program officer



Tips & FAQs – cont'd

- Reach out: Speak with current or former grantees about the process, particularly those with projects similar to yours
- Become familiar with Grants.gov well in advance of deadline
- Higher Education institution? Contact your Sponsored Programs
 Office well in advance of the deadline.
- App. must include narrative (max 20 pp.), summary (max 3 pp.), and federal budget form found on NHPRC website
 - App. also contains up to 20 pp. of supplementary materials. Some of these materials are required.



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Fire Away: Your Questions

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