



NATIONAL HISTORICAL  
PUBLICATIONS  
& RECORDS COMMISSION

*The National Historical Publications and Records Commission provides opportunities for the American people to discover and use records that increase understanding of our democracy, history, and culture.*

Through leadership initiatives, grants, and fostering the creation of new tools and methods, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission connects the work of the National Archives to the work of the nation's archives. The Commission acts as a bridge for innovation and creativity in advancing best archival practices, publishing historical records, and connecting citizens to their records.

*Each year, Congress appropriates funding for NHPRC grant awards. Learn more about us: [www.archives.gov/nhprc](http://www.archives.gov/nhprc)*

## WHAT WE FUND

The Commission funds projects that make publicly accessible the following kinds of documentary source materials:

- records of state, county, municipal, tribal, or other non-Federal units of government
- manuscripts, personal and family papers, or organizational and business archives
- collections of photographs, motion pictures, sound recordings, electronic records, and/or such visual materials as unpublished architectural, cartographic, and engineering drawings

We fund institutions engaged in these activities to provide access to historical records:

- collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, processing, and publishing (including digitizing and other forms of reproduction) documentary sources significant to the history of the United States
- undertaking projects to preserve electronic records and building sustainable state ER programs
- digitizing entire sets or series of nationally significant historical records
- conducting institutes and educational programs related to Commission activities
- developing standards, tools, and techniques to advance the work of archivists, records managers, and documentary editors

## GRANT APPLICATION BASICS

All institutions applying for an NHPRC grant **must apply via Grants.gov** ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)), the government-wide grants portal. In addition, the NHPRC website includes all the information you will need to apply for a grant, including all of our grant opportunities with application deadlines, application instructions, FAQs, and links to and explanations of Grants.gov. We take you step-by-step through the process.

<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/>

We regularly host webinars during which participants **ask our program officers questions** concerning a particular program or opportunity. We post notices about the calls on our website, Facebook, and several listservs, including the Archives & Archivists listserv. To read A&A online, visit:

<http://forums.archivists.org/read/?forum=archives>

NHPRC staff members are always available to assist applicants by answering questions or reviewing drafts. They can also refer applicants to the appropriate State Historical Records Coordinator. Please **contact the staff** during any part of the proposal process. To find contact information, see grant opportunities listings on the other side of this document, or visit: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/contact.html>

## NHPRC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

All NHPRC grant opportunity announcements are posted on our website at the following location:

<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/>.

See the other side for grant opportunities with deadlines in 2016:

## NHPRC Grant Programs for 2016

### Access to Historical Records (application deadline June 15, 2016)

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The Commission supports such activities as processing archival collections (including records in all formats) at the basic or detailed levels, preservation activities on audiovisual or born-digital materials, converting existing archival collection finding aids to new online formats, and selective digitization of processed materials. To find out more about this grant program, see the program announcement at:

<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/access.html>

- History Colorado, Denver, CO \$48,044  
To support a two-year project to arrange and describe four large photograph collections documenting the development of modern Colorado and the American West in the mid-20th century. The applicant also will digitize and post online 800 photographs that staff will select for their research value and potential research use.
- Brooklyn Historical Society, Brooklyn, NY \$106,186  
To support “Voices of Generations: Investigating Brooklyn’s Cultural Identity,” an 18-month project to process and digitize 525 oral histories from 10 collections that document different ethnic and cultural groups in the borough of Brooklyn.

### Digital Dissemination of Archival Collections (application deadline October 6, 2016)

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The Commission seeks proposals that use cost-effective methods to digitize nationally significant historical records collections and make the digital versions freely available online. In addition, applicant can explore ways to increase public engagement by using crowd sourcing, tagging, and other activities. To find out more about this grant program, see the program announcement at: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/digital.html>

- College of Charleston, Charleston, SC \$81,725  
To support the “Digitizing 20<sup>th</sup> Century Civil Rights Collections Project” from the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, an 18-month project to digitize approximately 93,600 pages from 16 collections documenting the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century civil rights activism in Charleston and the surrounding low country region.
- Washington University, St. Louis, MO \$150,000  
To support the “*Eyes on the Prize* Interview Digitization and Reassembly Project,” to make available approximately 95 hours of previously inaccessible interview footage created for the award-winning documentary series on America’s Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965.

### Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records (application deadline October 6, 2016)

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In the third year of this program, the Commission seeks projects that encourage citizen engagement with historical records, especially those available online, and/or projects that train people on how to enhance digital literacy skills for using historical records. The development of new online tools for literacy and engagement is highly encouraged. See the announcement at: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/literacy.html>

- Henry E. Huntington Library & Art Gallery, San Marino, CA \$107,982  
To support in partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, North Carolina State University, and Zooniverse, “Decoding the Civil War: Engaging the Public with 19<sup>th</sup> Century Technology and Cryptology through Crowdsourcing,” a two-year project to transcribe and decode Civil War military telegrams through crowdsourcing for online access and develop lesson plans for high school students to learn about primary sources from the telegrams.
- Keene State College, Keene, NH \$44,601  
To support a Citizen Archivist Initiative, in collaboration with the Historical Society of Cheshire County and Keene High School, a two-year project to place 300-500 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century documents online and teach students and the public to read, interpret, and transcribe them

### State Government Electronic Records State Government Electronic Records

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The Commission seeks projects that will accession, describe, preserve, and provide access to state government electronic records of enduring value. For more information about this grant program, see the announcement at: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/electronic.html>

- North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC \$199,999 to support TOMES (Transforming Online Mail with Embedded Semantics), a project at the State Archives of North Carolina, in partnership with the state archives in Kansas and Utah, to develop tools for preservation and processing of email, including transformation from native formats to XML and appraisal using natural language processing.

A state-by-state listing of past NHPRC grants is located at the following URL:

<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/projects/states-territories>