The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Grants

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OHRAB Activities:
• History Day Award
• Archival Achievement Award
• Electronic Records Training
• Reviews NHPRC Grant Applications
• Administers a Regrant Program
NHPRC Access to Historical Records Grants: Archival Projects

- Grants are for projects that ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections.
- Grants are up to $100,000.
- Requires 25% match
- Grants are for one or two years.
NHPRC Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives

- Grants are for projects that will significantly improve the public discovery and use of major historical records collections.
- The NHPRC encourages collaborative projects for this grant.
- Grants are between $100,000 and $350,000.
- Requires 50% match.
- Grants are for one to three years.
- Preliminary Application is due January 17, 2019.
- Final Application is due July 11, 2019.
NHPRC Public Engagement with Historical Records Grants

- Grants are for projects that encourage public engagement with historical records, such as citizen archivist programs.
- Grants are between $50,000 and $150,000.
- Requires 50% match.
- Grants are for one to three years.
Ohio Archives Grants Program: State and National Archives Partnership Grants

• “SNAP” Grants are available to archival institutions to fund projects to preserve and/or provide access to Ohio’s historical records.
• Grants are between $500 and $5000.
• Requires a 1:1 in-kind match.
• Grants are for the calendar year.
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• “SNAP” Grants are open to public and private institutions
• BUT:
  • Resources must be made available to researchers \textit{at no charge} on a regular schedule
  • Cannot be a Federally-funded repository
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What types of projects can be funded:

Access, Arrangement, and Description: Identifying, organizing, and improving access to historical records

Examples: processing collections (organizing, inventory, etc), creating & publishing finding aids, etc.
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What types of projects can be funded:

**Preservation:** Acquiring archival storage supplies, environmental monitors & controls, conservation, etc.

*Examples: Purchasing boxes & folders, dehumidifiers, dataloggers, hygrothermographs, HEPA vacuums, etc.*
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What types of projects can be funded:

**Website Development:** Adding collections to an online catalog, developing virtual archives, creating an online database

*Note: Websites designed to support access to researchers (rather than, e.g., curated web exhibits) will receive preference*
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What types of projects can be funded:

Assessment and Strategic Planning: Hiring consultants to identify needs and priorities for improving the organization, description, preservation, and access to collections

*If you need professional advice and planning, funding may be available*
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Tips for success:

• **Make sure the project is doable and sustainable**
  • Time
  • Resources
  • Staffing/Experience
  • Using sound archival practices (or seeking advice from archivists)
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Tips for success:

• **Historical Records Only**
  • No funding for artifacts

“The purpose of a record – to convey information – never changes over its lifespan. The purpose of an artifact is to convey some aspect about a previous era in and of itself.”
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Tips for success:

• **Be sure that the resources requested will be suitable for the project (and possibly beyond)**
  • Avoid requesting more (or less) than is needed
  • Choose the best and most efficient methods (e.g., do you need to digitize everything? Would contracted services be better than equipment purchase? Etc.)
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How to Apply:

• Announcements will be posted on social media & other online sites

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