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NHPRC for Archives – the 7- 10 Minute Version

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NHPRC – What Is It?

- A. Desperate Scrabble move totaling 12 points
- B. Runner-up in the New Deal worst acronym contest
- C. “Oh, shoot, I rearranged the letters in my application!”
- D. My goodness, another droll archivist trying to be funny. Shoulda sat on the aisle.
- E. The grant-funding arm of the National Archives (!!)




NHPRC – Who Are We Now?

Recently approved Strategic Plan in implementation stages
(<https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/about/strategic-plan.html>)

[Oh dear, he thinks the NHPRC Strategic Plan is gonna hold my interest? Just show me the money, dude! Where's the NEH guy?]

Strategic Plan four goals:

1. Connect National Archives w/nation's repositories
 2. Expand access to archival records
 3. Engage the public in discovering records
 4. Enhance the capacity of small/diverse organizations housing historical records
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NHPRC Strategic Plan Put Into Practice

[Yes, yes, all these slides will be submitted to UMD's Drum digital repository for your future access.

<http://drum.lib.umd.edu>]

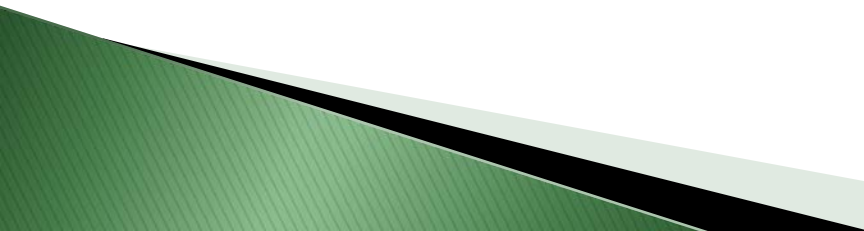
- ▶ Two current records programs
 - Access to Historical Records – **Archival Projects**
(<https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/archival.html>)
 - Access to Historical Records – **Major Initiatives**
(<https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/major.html>)



NHPRC – Access to Historical Records – Archival Projects

Funds:

- ▶ Creating new online finding aids to collections
 - ▶ Digitizing historical records collections and making them freely accessible

 - ▶ Cost share reduced from 50% to 25%
 - ▶ Grant funds up to \$100,000
 - ▶ Project timeframe up to 2 years
 - ▶ Application deadline is 6 December 2016 (awards by summer 2017)
- ** for FY2018, deadline will be 5 October 2017
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NHPRC – Access to Historical Records – Major Initiatives

Funds (these are only examples):

- ▶ Digitizing collections and making them freely available online
 - ▶ Providing access to born-digital records
 - ▶ Creating virtual collections drawn from records held by multiple institutions
 - ▶ Creating new tools and methods for users to access records
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- Cost share = 50%
 - Grant funds up to \$350,000 for up to 3 years
 - 5-page preliminary proposal due 19 January 2017



NHPRC – Access to Historical Records – Major Initiatives, part 2

Emphasizes Collaboration and Innovation
[read: these activities will make your project more competitive]

Involves 5–page preliminary proposal. If selected, will submit a full proposal for funding consideration.





NHPRC – Contact Us

- ▶ Tip: the single best way to inform your project idea is to communicate with an NHPRC program officer

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**Nancy taught a grants workshop yesterday at MARAC and her slides should appear in DRUM, too

