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 (!!, !!!!)
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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- Two current records programs
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
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

- Cost share = 50%
- Grant funds up to $350,000 for up to 3 years
- 5-page preliminary proposal due 19 January 2017
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.
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**