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NHPRC grant application deadlines near for archival projects

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board is responsible for reviewing grant applications from the state made to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The commission has two deadlines each year for submission of grant applications:

June 1

In line with its strategic plan, the NHPRC is concentrating its resources on three strategic goals outlined below. Grant proposals for projects addressing these goals must be postmarked by June 1, 2002, to be considered at the commission's November meeting.

- The NHPRC will provide the American public with widespread access to the papers of the founders of our democratic republic and its institutions by ensuring the timely completion of eight projects now in progress to publish the papers of George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and papers that document the First Federal Congress, the early Supreme Court and ratification of the Constitution.
- The NHPRC will promote broad public participation in historical documentation by collaborating with state historical records advisory boards to plan and carry out jointly funded programs to strengthen the nation's archival infrastructure and expand the range of records that are protected and accessible.
- The NHPRC will enable the nation's archivists, records managers and documentary editors to overcome the obstacles and take advantage of the opportunities posed by electronic technologies by continuing to provide leadership in funding research and development on appraising, preserving, disseminating and providing access to important documentary sources in electronic form.

For an application or more information about the grants, please contact:

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202-501-5610 (phone) • 202-501-5601 (fax)
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October 1

All other types of grant proposals, including publication projects other than the eight founding era editions, must be submitted by Oct. 1, 2002, to be considered at the commission's May 2003 meeting. These projects may include:

- Collecting, describing, preserving, compiling and publishing (including microfilming and other forms of reproduction) documentary sources significant to the history of the United States.
- Conducting institutes, training and educational programs, and fellowships related to the activities of the commission.
- Disseminating information about documentary sources through guides, directories and other technical publications.
- Or specifically: documentary editing and publishing (other than those editions funded for the June 1 deadline); archival preservation and processing of records for access; developing or updating descriptive systems; creation and development of archival and records management programs; development of standards, tools and techniques to advance the work of archivists, records managers and documentary editors; and promotion of the use of records by teachers, students and the public.



Ted Slater of Data Management Internationale shows Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White a scanned image of an early-1800s Public Domain plat map. Looking on are Bob Church, second from the right, of the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association, and Wayne Temple of Archives. Using a federal Library Services & Technology grant, the Secretary of State's office contracted with the Delaware-based technology company to scan and digitize 3,478 Public Domain plat maps held by the State Archives. The Archives staff is now indexing the images, which will soon be available online.