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State Historical Records Advisory Board Announces Grant Funding Awards

PIERRE, S.D. -- Six state history organizations have been awarded grants through the South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SD SHRAB).

The organizations that received funding this year and the amounts of their grants include:

- The Tri-State Museum in Belle Fourche, \$650;
- The Fassbender Photographic Collection in Deadwood, \$750;
- The 1881 Courthouse Museum in Custer, \$500;
- The Charles Mix County Historical Restoration Society in Geddes, \$100;
- The Old Fort Meade Museum in Fort Meade, \$500; and
- The Dakota Discovery Museum in Mitchell, \$500.

The SD SHRAB received a \$5,453 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and \$3,000 of the funding was set aside for re-grant funding.

“The South Dakota SHRAB advocates for the preservation of historical records, educates the public about the importance of the historical record, and leads the historical community in preserving and providing access to the state’s documentary heritage,” stated Chelle Somsen, chair of the board and state archivist with the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

Local repositories, archival organizations, historical societies, and tribal and local governments were urged to apply for the re-grant funds in order to encourage identification and preservation of historical records and support training for the staff that care for those records.

For more information, see <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/SHRAB/shrabactivity.aspx> or call the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives at (605) 773-3804.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.