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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 Keystone Area Historical Society, \$696;
- the Black Hills Mining Museum, \$704;
- the Lake County Historical Society, \$400;
- the Gregory County Historical Society, \$400;
- Yankton College, \$400; and
- the Chamberlain Area Historical Preservation Association, \$400.

The SD SHRAB received a \$4,578 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and \$3,000 of the funding was set aside for re-grant funding.

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

“The South Dakota SHRAB advocates for the preservation of historical records, educates the public and records caretakers about the importance of the historical record, and leads the historical community in preserving, promoting and providing access to the state’s documentary heritage,” stated Chelle Somsen, State Archivist with the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre and chair of the board. “The re-grant funds allow the board to work with historical organizations to advance on those priorities, as well as to get funding out to the historical organizations in our state that really need it.”

For 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 society 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.