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State Historical Records Advisory Board Announces Re-Grant Opportunity

PIERRE, S.D. -- The South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SD SHRAB) is accepting re-grant applications from records caretakers across the state.

The funding comes through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration.

“With the grant money, the board will be able to disseminate \$4,000 in funds to local repositories, organizations, and historical societies to encourage and support identification and preservation of historical records, as well as training for staffers who care for those records,” said Chelle Somsen, SD SHRAB chair and state archivist for the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The deadline for application submission is April 30.

The SD SHRAB advocates preservation of historical records, educates the public and records caretakers about the importance of historical records, and leads the historical community in preserving, promoting, and providing access to the state’s documentary heritage, Somsen said.

The purpose of the re-grant program is to address priorities identified in the SD SHRAB strategic plan. Priorities identified include:

- Increased access to archival collections
- Increased opportunities for education, training, and development in archives and collection management
- Identification of important historical records that are at risk; and
- Increased funding for South Dakota’s historical records

For information on the guidelines for the grant and the application, please 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.