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### **State Historical Records Advisory Board Announces Site Visit Opportunities**

PIERRE, S.D. -- The South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) is offering four site visit opportunities to statewide historical organizations.

The site visits are made possible by grant funds from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives and Records Administration.

The purpose of the site visits is to address increased access to archival collections and identification of important historical records that are at risk, said Chelle Somsen, South Dakota SHRAB chair and state archivist with the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The visits, conducted by archivists with the State Historical Society, are at no charge to the applying historical organizations. Applications must be received by May 1. The selections will be on a competitive basis and will target small to mid-sized organizations with archival collections. The four organizations selected will also receive \$100 worth of archival processing supplies.

The South Dakota SHRAB, Somsen said, 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.

For information on guidelines for the grant and the application, please see <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/SHRAB/shrabactivity.aspx> or call (605) 773-3804.

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#### ***About the South Dakota State Historical Society***

*The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. 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](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*