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Survey for

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)
Applicants and Potential Applicants

Thank you for your willingness to provide feedback on the National Historical Publications and Records Commission’s application process. Your comments will help us make the process more effective and user friendly.

# How did you hear about NHPRC grant programs?

[ ]  Subscriptions to Grants.gov announcements

[ ]  Announcements on email listservs (if so, please indicate which one below\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

[ ]  NHPRC website or Facebook Page

[ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(comment below)

# Applying for NHPRC grants is:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Easy | Somewhat Easy | Neither Difficult or Easy | Somewhat Difficult | Difficult | Don’t Know or No Opinion |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

# How did you find the following stages of applying for a NHPRC grant?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Easy | Somewhat Easy | Neither Difficult or Easy | Somewhat Difficult | Difficult | Don’t Know or No Opinion |
| Using Grants.gov |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Understanding the grant announcement and requirements |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Matching your project to NHPRC grant programs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Discussing the historical significance of the materials |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Writing the work plan |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preparing the Budget |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Identifying the supplemental materials and keeping them to the required length |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# How clear are the grant announcements and the application directions?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Very clear | Somewhat clear | Neither clear or confusing | Somewhat confusing | Very Confusing | Don’t Know or No Opinion |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

# How would you compare applying for grants at other similar entities to those at the NHPRC?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Easier than NHPRC | About the same as NHPRC | More difficult than NHPRC | Don’t Know or No Opinion |
|  |  |  |  |

# I/my institution would be more likely to apply for a NHPRC grant if:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Much more likely | Somewhat likely | No effect |
| Cost share was not required |  |  |  |
| Initial proposal was three pages and only finalists submitted 20-page narrative |  |  |  |
| NHPRC funded more local historical records projects |  |  |  |
| The NHPRC budget was more certain each year |  |  |  |
| NHPRC had more funds for grants |  |  |  |

# How much do you value these parts of the current application process?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very Much  | Somewhat | Neutral | A Little | Not at all | Don’t Know or No Opinion  |
| Webinars discussing how to apply for a specific program  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meetings or phone calls with program officers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Historical Records Advisory Board advice or comments on drafts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NHPRC staff review of draft applications |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to respond to peer reviews & staff questions during application review |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feedback after grant decisions are made |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Demographic Information

## I work at a:

[ ]  College/University

[ ]  Historical Society

[ ]  Museum

[ ]  State Archives

[ ]  Local Government Archives

[ ]  Non-Profit Organization

[ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write-in) (comment box)

## My parent institution employs

[ ]  0-25 people

[ ]  26-100

[ ]  101-500

[ ]  501-2,000

[ ]  2,000+

## I am primarily a:

[ ]  Documentary Editor

[ ]  Curator

[ ]  Librarian

[ ]  Archivist

[ ]  Grant Administrator

[ ]  Historian

[ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write in) (comment box)

## What professional associations do identify with and read announcements from? (select all that apply)

[ ]  American Association for State and Local History

[ ]  American Historical Association

[ ]  Association for Documentary Editing

[ ]  Digital Humanists

[ ]  National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators

[ ]  Organization of American Historians

[ ]  Society of American Archivists

[ ]  Other Archival Group: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (comment box)

[ ]  Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (comment box)

## My institution and NHPRC grants (select all that apply):

[ ]  The institution has applied for but not received

[ ]  The institution has applied for and received

[ ]  The institution has never applied

## My institution has received grants from other Federal agencies (select all that apply)

[ ]  NEH

[ ]  IMLS

[ ]  National Park Service

[ ]  Library of Congress

[ ]  National Science Foundation

[ ]  Department of Education

[ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Please comment below)

# Do you have any other comments for the NHPRC?

[open ended box]

We appreciate you completing the survey! If you need more information about the NHPRC, please visit our website at: [www.archives.gov/nhprc](http://www.archives.gov/nhprc) or send us an email at nhprc@nara.gov.