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Recordings at Risk

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Overview:

- Introductions
- Eligibility and Drafting Resources
- Starting an Application
- Application Overview
- Final Tips
- Questions



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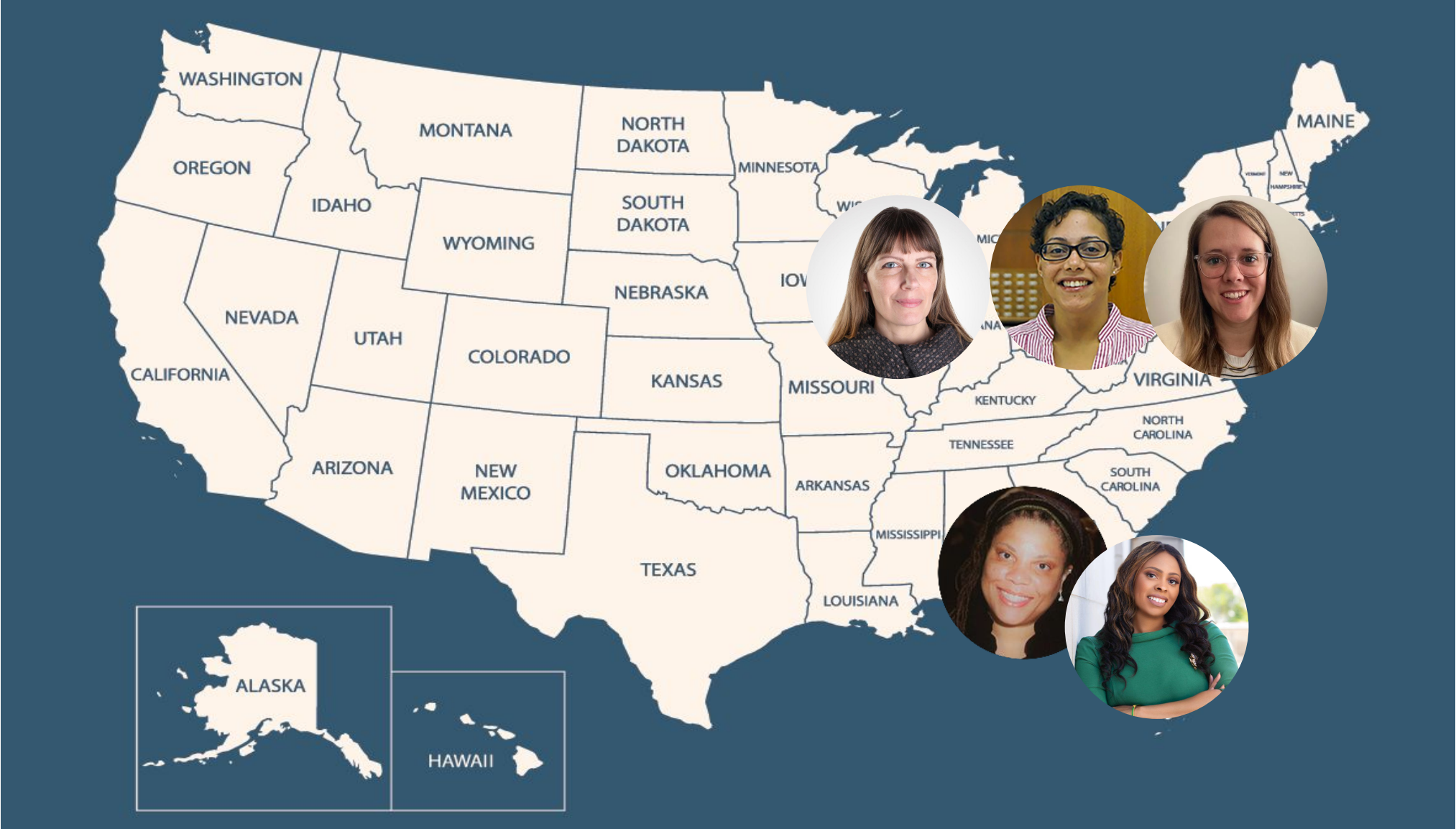
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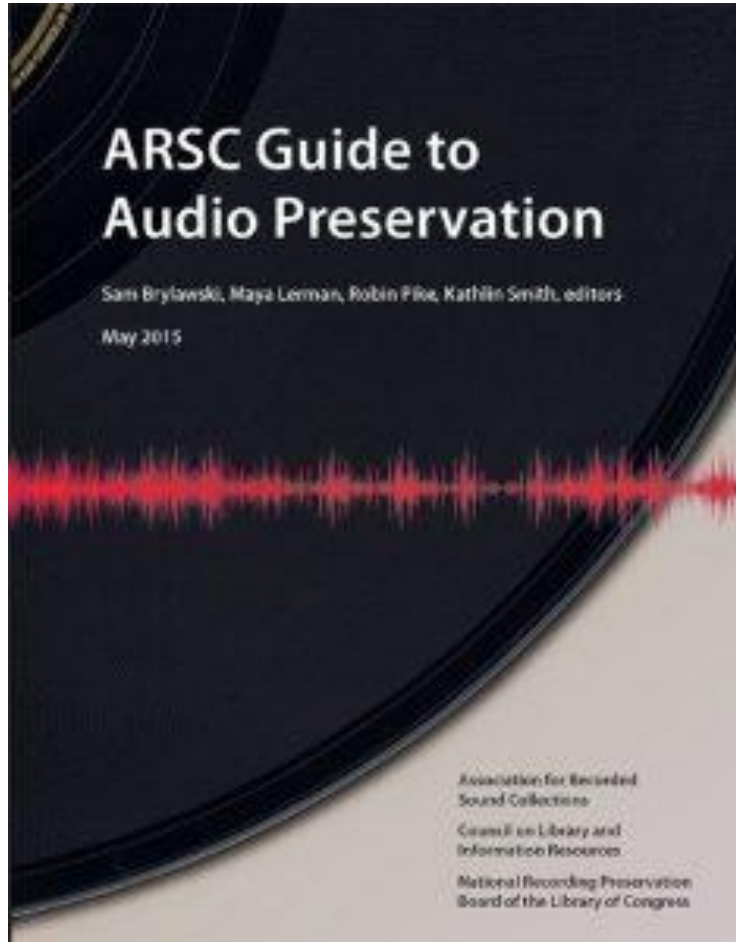
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CLIR's Background in the Field



CLIR has helped to build awareness of the urgency of digitizing “at risk” audio and audiovisual formats

- National Recording Preservation Board (since 2005) and *Cataloging and Digitizing Hidden Collections* (since 2008)
- ARSC Guide to Audio Preservation
Download for free:

clir.org/pubs/reports/pub164/

Creation of 'Recordings at Risk'



Unique challenges of audio/audiovisual digitization and description:

- Content is at great risk of loss
- Need for specialized expertise, sometimes even to conduct cataloging or assessment
- Prohibitive costs of storage for access and preservation
- Tricky intellectual property situations

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Assessment Criteria

- **Impact:** the potential scholarly and public impact of the project
- **Urgency:** the urgency of undertaking the reformatting to avoid risk of loss
- **Potential for preservation:** the viability of the work plan and deliverable for preserving the content over time
- **Approach to access:** the approach to legal and ethical concerns affecting access

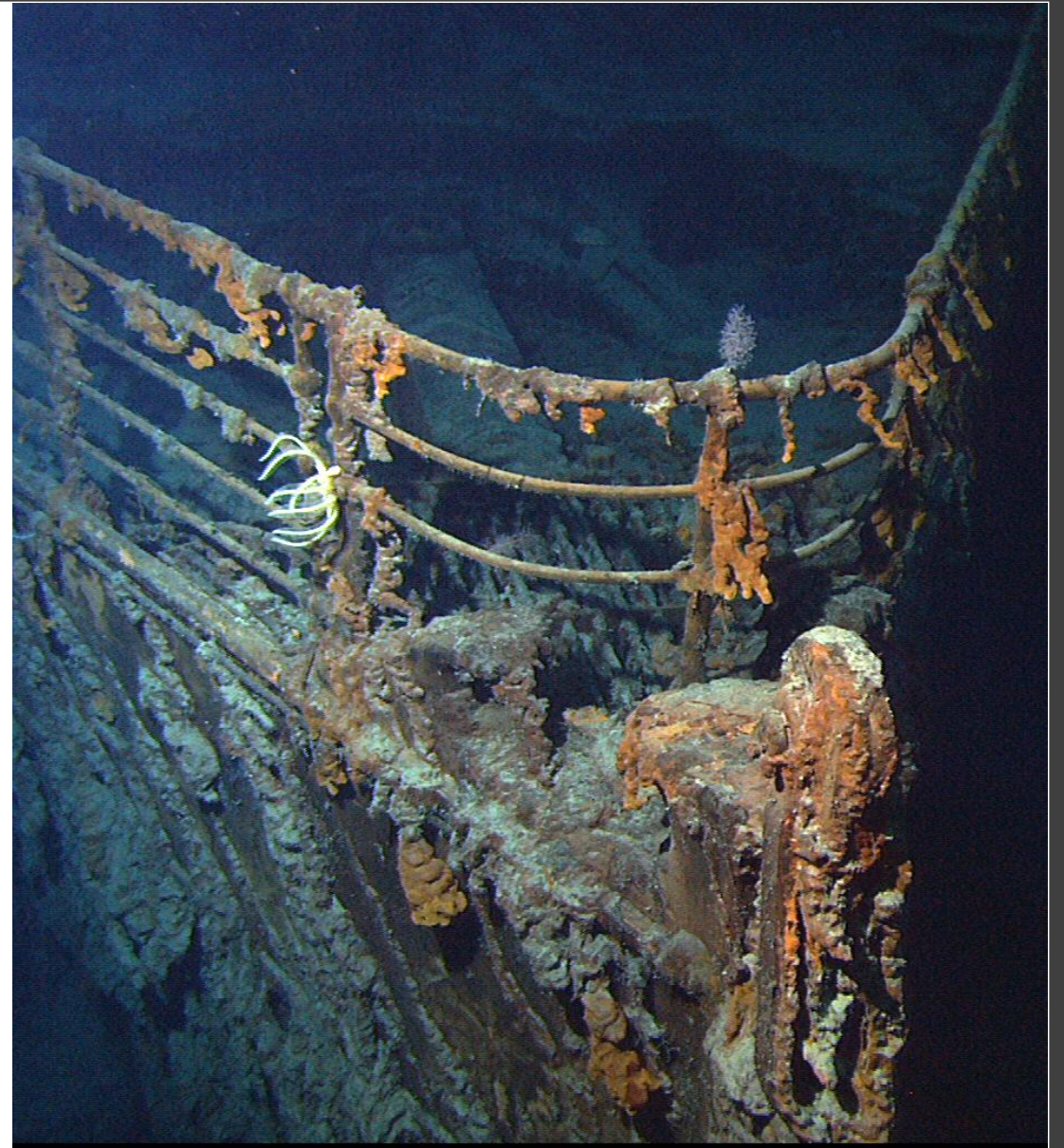
Is Your Project Eligible?



Read full eligibility requirements on our [Apply for an Award](#) page.

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Useful Links

- Program Homepage
<https://www.clir.org/recordings-at-risk/>
- Apply for an Award
[https://www.clir.org/recordings-at-risk/apply-fo
r-an-award/](https://www.clir.org/recordings-at-risk/apply-for-an-award/)

Eligibility

- U.S. nonprofit academic, research, or cultural memory organizations
- Organization and collections must be in the U.S. or an associated entity
- Government units and their agencies: eligible, if cultural heritage is primary function
- Federally recognized tribal governments: eligible

Questions? recordingsatrisk@clir.org

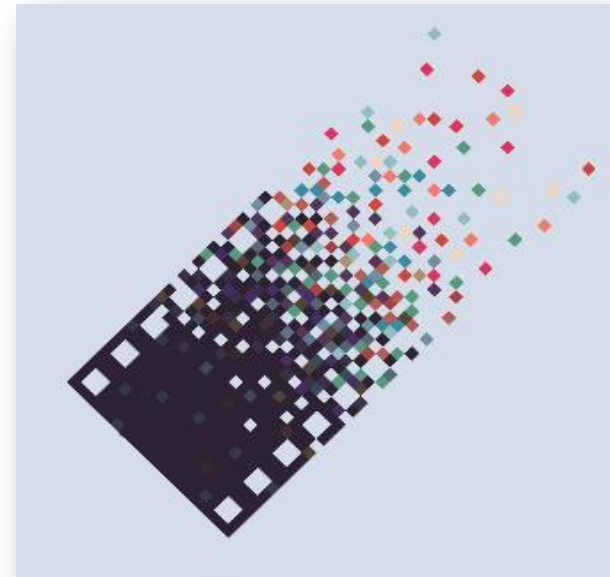
Eligibility

One application per organization per call

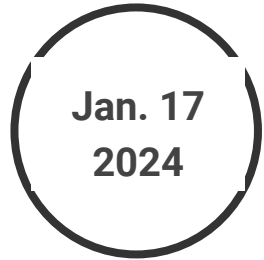
- Different campuses of a university system are considered different organizations
- A museum and a library on the same campus would not be considered different organizations

Allowable formats

- Audio / Video / Film
- Primarily focused on analog-to-digital transfer



Cycle 11 Timeline



Application Cycle Opens

Application Deadline

Recipients Announced

All project work will take place between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025.

Apply for an Award Page

- Eligibility + Award Terms
- Draft your application
- Planning Resources
- Documents
 - Key Guides, Policies, and References
 - Sample Applications
- FAQs
- Related Grant Programs and Funders

Drafting an Application



Guidelines

Instructions for application form. Explains questions and provides context.

[Visit Guidelines](#)



Apply

Access the Recordings at Risk application form during an open call for applications.

[Apply Here](#)



FAQs

Find answers to our most commonly asked questions.

[Read FAQs](#)



Begin here!



Recordings at Risk

Cycle 11 Application Guidelines & Template

Carefully read the following guidelines and template before starting the application process. Additional information and resources are located on the [Apply for an Award page](#). Still have questions? Contact recordingsatrisk@clir.org. During the application period, CLIR accepts inquiries by email only.

All proposals must be submitted through the official [online application form](#).

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To download and work on your computer, select “File” then “Download as” from the menu.

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April 17, 2024 at 11:59 pm Eastern

Digitizing Special Formats Wiki



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Digitizing Special Formats

This list of resources is curated by the Digital Library Federation for the benefit of cultural heritage professionals planning projects involving the digitization of rare and unique materials. Applicants to the [Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives](#) and [Recordings at Risk](#) programs of the [Council on Library and Information Resources](#) may find these helpful in planning project proposals.

Rather than providing comprehensive coverage, this list includes introductory and reference materials that are good places to begin an exploration of issues of broad import to digitizing cultural heritage materials.

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Technical Recommendations

Technical Recommendations for CLIR's *Recordings at Risk* Program

The following recommendations were developed by CLIR staff in consultation with technical experts who have served on the *Recordings at Risk* review panel. While the *Recordings at Risk* program does not dictate minimum technical standards for proposals, this guidance serves to communicate reviewers' expectations for digital file formats, descriptions of digital files, and the storage and maintenance of those files over time. These recommendations and resources should help those in the early stages of project development learn more about reviewer expectations, allowing them the opportunity to build more competitive proposals. We also recommend reviewing successful sample proposals available on the [Applicant Resources page](#).

Recordings at Risk is funded through the generous support of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. For more information on the program, visit the program's landing page: <https://www.clir.org/recordings-at-risk/>.

[Metadata Standards](#)

[Additional Resources](#)

[Digital Format Standards](#)

[Additional Resources](#)

[Digital Preservation and Sustainability](#)

[Additional Resources](#)

[Requirements for Vendor Proposals](#)

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Super Applicant (Owner)

Add collaborator

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Preview

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APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Your tasks

- Eligibility >
- Application Form ←
- Letter of institutional support >
- Letter(s) of support >
- Project Plan >
- Digital Preservation Plan >
- Budget Narrative >
- Budget Detail >
- Service Provider(s) Proposal >
- Representative Thumbnail Image
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- Additional Information(optional) >

Uploads

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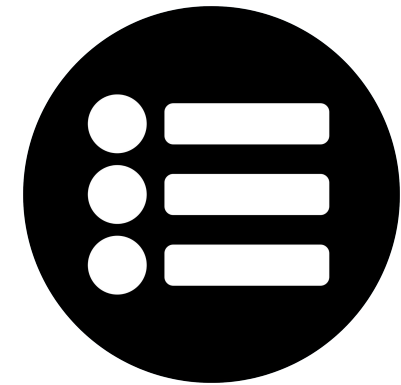
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Application Overview

- Section 1. Project Summary
- Section 2. Description of Content
- Section 3. Scholarly and Public Impact
- Section 4. Risk Assessment
- Section 5. Rights, Ethics, and Re-Use
- Section 6. Project Design
- Section 7. Service Provider Information
- Section 8. Funding
- Section 9. Applicant Information

Section 1: Project Summary

- Project Summary
- Size of Request
 - \$10,000 - \$50,000
- Project length
 - 3 – 12 months
- Letter of institutional support



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<http://registry.clir.org>

Project Start

05/01/2019

Project End

04/30/2020

Resubmission?

- This application has been previously submitted for consideration.


If this application is a resubmission to the Recordings at Risk program, explain what changes have been made in response to reviewer comments. If this proposal has been previously submitted to another CLIR grant program (i.e. Cataloging Hidden Collections; Digitizing Hidden Collections), include that information here.

(max. 500 words)

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NEXT

Section 2: Description of Content

- Description of materials
- Geographic scope
- Date range of materials
- Condition
- Material Quantity and Type 
- Inventory (optional)

Material quantity and type.

Enter quantities and types of recordings to be digitized in the proposed project. You may add as many different measurement/material types as you like by, but each individual item should be accounted for in only one category.

How many categories would you like to enter?

How many categories would you like to enter?

2

Category 1

Material Type

Amount of Material

Unit of Measurement

Additional Information

Category 2

Material Type

Amount of Material

Unit of Measurement

Additional Information

How many categories would you like to enter?

2

Category 1

Material Type

VHS

Amount of Material

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Unit of Measurement

Items

Additional Information

Category 2

Material Type

Other

Other Format

Wire recording

Amount of Material

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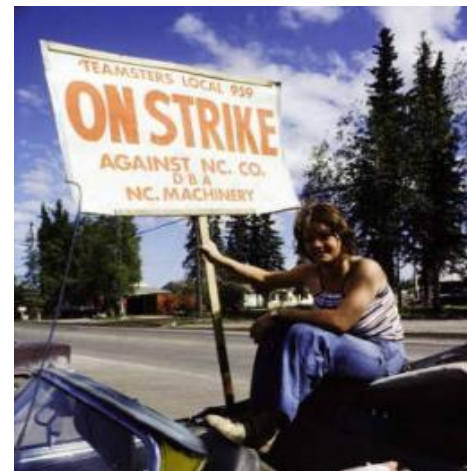
Unit of Measurement

Recorded hours

Additional Information

Section 3: Scholarly and Public Impact

- One of the four primary criteria!
- Describe impact upon scholarship and the public
- Recommendation letters
 - 1 required (up to 3 total)



Guidelines for the Authors of Letters of Support



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Guidelines for the Authors of Letters of Support for CLIR Grant Applications

[Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives](#) and [Recordings at Risk](#)

Good letters from outside perspectives are essential components of any application for Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives or Recordings at Risk. Letters of support must come from individuals knowledgeable about the source materials nominated for digitization but may not come from those who are directly affiliated with a proposed project.

Section 4: Risk Assessment

Explain the urgency of the proposed project



Section 5: Rights, Ethics, and Re-Use

- Rights, embargoes, ethical/legal considerations?
- Personally Identifiable Information?
- Culturally-sensitive material?

All parties to this proposal understand that as a condition of acceptance of any Recordings at Risk award from CLIR, all metadata created in the course of funded project activities must be dedicated to the public domain under a [CCO Creative Commons license](#). Exceptions to this requirement will be made for culturally sensitive metadata.

Confirm

All parties to this proposal understand that as a condition of acceptance of any Recordings at Risk award from CLIR, recipient institutions must not claim additional rights or impose additional access fees or restrictions to the digital files created through the project, beyond those already required by law or existing agreements. Exceptions may be made for those materials in the public domain without the express wishes of local, traditional, and indigenous source communities.

Confirm

Section 6: Project Design

- Project plan w/ timeline
- Technical approach
- Digital preservation plan
 - Multiple copies of digital files
 - Scheduled fixity checks
 - Periodic migration
 - Metadata creation
- Access to project deliverables



Section 7: Service Provider Information

Service Provider Information

Vendor name

Vendor address

Vendor contact

Vendor phone

Vendor email

How many additional service providers would you like to add?
(optional)

Rationale for your
service provider selection

Section 7: Service Provider Information

- “Qualified” external service provider? Check:
 - Colleagues
 - Conference sponsorships
 - Webinars/panels
- What can I do to get the most accurate proposal?
 - Complete inventory
 - Photos



Strategies for Audiovisual
Digitization Projects
a DLF-hosted webinar series



Section 8: Funding

- Allowable Costs
 - Costs charged by service provider for stabilizing media for the purposes of preservation reformatting, conducting preservation reformatting, or basic metadata creation
 - Shipping of materials to service provider
 - Insurance for materials during shipping and handling by service provider

Section 8: Funding

- Allowable Costs (continued)
 - Fair compensation for labor associated with:
 - Developing culturally appropriate access
 - Conducting quality control
 - Creating metadata
 - Ingesting reformatted recordings
 - Implementing basic captioning, transcription, and translation
 - Purchase of digital storage media or re-housing supplies when specifically used for project activities

For a full list, refer to Appendix A of the Guidelines and Template

Section 8. Funding

- Some Disallowed Costs
 - Indirect costs
 - “Miscellaneous”
 - Electronic equipment other than storage media
 - Software licenses or services
 - Conservation treatment beyond what is necessary to digitize
 - Extensive processing/editing of digital surrogates
 - Copyright assessment or research related to preparation of detailed collection descriptions

For a full list, refer to Appendix A of the Guidelines and Template

Section 9: Applicant Information

- Proof of nonprofit status
- Board/Trustee List
- Contact information

Additional Information (optional)

Allowable appendices include:

- Summary documentation of collection assessments
- Accession documentation
- Donor agreements
- Photographs of nominated materials
- Audio/video samples relevant to nominated materials
- Sample metadata records
- Additional service provider proposals

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Final Tips

- Estimate timelines generously
- Be in touch with service providers about their protocols and particular instructions
- Flexibilities available post-funding include
 - extensions, if projects encounter delays
 - budget reallocations

Final Tips

- Ask “is this grant program the **right fit?**”
- **Read the instructions** and requirements *carefully!*
- Leave yourself as much time as possible
- **Get organized:** project manage the application process
- Assemble your **dream team** of contributors and partners
- Ask for the amount of funds you actually need
- After reading the materials online, contact program staff about any remaining questions
- **Propose a project you believe in** and an approach that you feel good about

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Thank you!

Join us for a Q&A session on
March 6, 2pm EST

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