Grant Funds Available for Archives in Connecticut

June 17, 2020

The Connecticut State Historical Records Advisory Board (CT SHRAB), in collaboration with Conservation ConneCTion, is pleased to announce that it is offering a second round of funding to help support cultural heritage organizations and their archives through the Traveling Archivist Implementation Grant.

Grant applications will be accepted from nonprofit organizations including museums, historical societies, historic house museums, libraries, archives, religious and community organizations or other cultural institutions in Connecticut, that own, care for and exhibit archival collections to the public. Eligible institutions of all sizes are welcome to request support from this state-wide program; those with small budgets are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for this grant applicants must have received a site visit from the Traveling Archivist Program or a similar assessment, demonstrate that they have completed recommendations provided in the report from the Traveling Archivist, and commit staff time and in-kind resources to the project to ensure its sustainability during and after the grant-funded project.

This grant funds a visit from a Traveling Archivist to provide training, oversight, guidance, and demonstration of new or unfamiliar practices for one to seven days. Potential grant projects should fall into one of the following categories: Policies & Procedures, Archival Appraisal & Accessioning, Archival Arrangement & Description, Access, Collection Database, Digital Preservation, Preservation Storage & Housing. Support is not available for staff salaries nor conservation treatment.

Grant applications will be reviewed competitively by a panel of professional archivists and historians. Individual grant awards range from \$500 - \$3,500. No match is required. Successful applicants must track their in-kind and cash resources applied to their project.

The application deadline is July 17, 2020. Please contact your Traveling Archivist before you apply.

Award recipients will be announced in summer 2020. Funded projects must be completed by March 1, 2021.

Application guidelines and budget forms are attached. Budget forms should be completed and emailed to CSL.ConservationConnection@ct.gov.

Please use this link to apply. https://forms.gle/WLUSAv5tf6GS5egG8

For more information on these programs please contact Kathy Craughwell-Varda at Conservation ConneCTion — <u>CSL.ConservationConnection@ct.gov</u> or 203-241-0618.

Learn more about CT SHRAB at http://ctstatelibrary.org/state-archives/connecticut-state-historical-records-advisory-board/.