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Headline: State Records Board Offers Grants to Organizations Preserving Indiana History

INDIANAPOLIS (May 4, 2011) – The Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) is offering a new grant opportunity for organizations that preserve and maintain historic collections of Indiana records. The Hoosier History Digitization Grants will be awarded to six (6) local entities that desire to digitize specific types of records that may currently be in jeopardy. Specifically, the grant program supports the conversation of indenture records, locally held early statehood records, African American-related government documents, and Civil War records into a digital format that can accessed online.

"This grant program is designed to enable local digitization experts to index and digitize Indiana's culturally and historically significant records," said Jim Corridan, Chair of the SHRAB and Indiana's State Archivist. "The preservation of Indiana's culture and heritage is essential to ensuring Indiana's past is available for generations of Hoosiers."

Each grantee is eligible for up to $5,000 and will be expected to provide a cash or in-kind match of at least 25 percent. This grant is open to local governments and nonprofits in Indiana that house and care for historic collections. The grantee must also ensure that the digitizing entity is based in the State of Indiana. Priority will be given to local units of government whose records may currently be in jeopardy. Applications are due to the SHRAB no later than **June 15, 2011** and may be found online at shrab.in.gov. Grantees will be named July 20, 2011.

About The State Historic Records Advisory Board

The State Historic Records Advisory Board was established in February of 2006 by Governor Mitch Daniels. It is charged with being the central advisory body for historical records planning and preservation in Indiana. The SHRAB works with the Commission on Public Records and repositories throughout the state to accomplish its task. For more information about the SHRAB and the archival assessment grants, please visit shrab.in.gov or email shrab@icpr.in.gov.

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