Strategic Plan

WSHRAB is the central advisory body for historical records planning in Washington. Established in 1976, it promotes practices that ensure preservation of, and access to, the state's public and private historical records.

Appointed by the Secretary of State and chaired by the State Archivist, WSHRAB acts as a coordinating body to promote cooperation and communication between non-profit, private, governmental and tribal repositories within the state.

WSHRAB's goals are:

- 1. Support the mission of repositories statewide in an ongoing effort to preserve and improve handling of, and access to, extant historical documents.
- 2. Promote and publicize WSHRAB and the NHPRC grant program.
- 3. Consult with stakeholders, perform studies and surveys, and create reports, as necessary, to assess and define the conditions and needs of Washington historical records.
- 4. Provide technical assistance to underserved audiences.
- 5. Sponsor Washington State Archives Month.
- 6. Support projects that help bring documents into the classroom.



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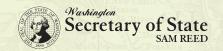
Records document our rights as citizens and the laws that govern our lives.



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The Washington State Historical Records Advisory Board (WSHRAB) serves the public as the central advisory board for historical records projects and provides leadership and guidance to help ensure the identification, preservation and use of the state's historical records.

Archives Month

Annually, WSHRAB sponsors Archives Month. It's a way to celebrate the value of Washington's historical records, to recognize those who maintain our communities' historical records and to increase public awareness of the importance of preserving historical records in archives, historical societies, museums, libraries and other repositories across the state.

Learn more at www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Archivesmonth



Records provide evidence of a state's cultural, economic and political history.

Trants

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) awards various types of financial support grants directly to private and public organizations to preserve and make available records and archives. Prospective applicants within the state are encouraged to consult with WSHRAB during the draft stage of the proposal.

Learn more at www.archives.gov/nhprc

In October 2009, WSHRAB announced its first-ever local regrant program for Washington's historical and genealogical societies, museums and historic homes, university and other archives, and similar groups.

Tacoma Narrows Bridge collapse, 1940, Washington State Archives



WSHRAB partners with NHPRC, a part of the National Archives and Records Administration.

WSHRAB serves as a statelevel review body and makes recommendations for proposals outlined in NHPRC grant program guidelines.

CCC Drinking Fountain, ca. 1930s, NARA- Pacific Alaska Region-Seattle