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**Grants Awarded for New Mexico Historical Records**

The New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board (NMHRAB) at its May 2009 meeting awarded \$78,418 in grants to sixteen New Mexico organizations to preserve and provide access to their historical records. The NMHRAB has received funds from the New Mexico State Legislature and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to fund its historical records grant programs for improving the preservation of and access to New Mexico's historical records. The NMHRAB in partnership with grant recipients aspire to preserve, interpret and provide access to historical records that connect their communities to the past. By helping to preserve New Mexico's historical records historical organization's make the gift of history a living presence in the lives of New Mexicans.

Funding will be used to preserve and make available to the public a variety of documents and collections such as; research papers on Spanish land grant records, diaries of individuals who trekked down the Santa Fe Trail, Lincoln County Clerk ledger books dated 1885 to 1918, videotapes of Taos World Poetry Bouts, oral histories from Torrance County residents, New Mexico State University school newspapers, and video performances of the Taos Children's Theatre. Funds were also awarded to preserve Navajo Nation tribal resolutions, and Pueblo of Isleta tribal records.

The members of the Board are appointed by the Governor. Staff support is provided by the State Records Center and Archives. Information about the Board and its activities is available at [www.nmcpr.state.nm.us](http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us).

The following is a list of projects awarded funding for the period July 1, 2009 through June 15, 2010:

**Center for Land Grant Studies, Mora County** – State funds were awarded to hire two consultants to write three land grant summaries for the period 1598 to 1904. Amount awarded: \$5,100.00

**Chaves County Assessor's Office** – State funds were awarded to publish 42,500 recently digitized property record cards on the Chaves County Assessor's website. Amount awarded: \$6,400.00

**End of the Trail Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association, Santa Fe County** – State funds were awarded to transcribe and publish through the Association's website and the New Mexico Digital History website three Santa Fe Trail diaries (1852-1869). Amount awarded: \$5,100.00

**Sierra County Historical Society/Geronimo Springs Museum** – Federal funds were awarded to arrange and describe archival materials documenting Sierra County history from 1850 to the present. Amount awarded: \$2,625.00

**La Jicarita News, Mora County** – State funds were awarded to research land grant determinations made by Surveyor General George W. Julian and ascertain if injustices occurred during the adjudication of Spanish and Mexican land grant claims. Amount awarded: \$6,800.00

**Lincoln County Clerk's Office** – State funds were awarded to preserve seven bound ledger books (1885-1918) documenting real estate transactions, probate records, mining activities, marriage records, and County commission reports. Amount awarded: \$5,950.00

**Minor Heron Press, Taos County** – State funds were awarded to complete a preservation assessment and evaluation of videotapes collected by Minor Heron Press of the World Poetry Bout and the Taos Poetry Circus for the period 1982-2003. Amount awarded: \$5,100.00

**Moriarty Historical Society and Museum, Torrance County** – Federal funds were awarded to provide access to Torrance County Oral History Collections and to digitize and process photographs and records. Amount awarded: \$6,797.70

**Navajo Nation Records Management** – State funds were awarded to preserve and microfilm 60 boxes of Tribal Government resolutions. Amount awarded: \$5,049.98

**The Regents of New Mexico State University, Doña Ana County** – Federal funds were awarded to digitize New Mexico State University's school newspaper, *The Round-Up*, which began publication in 1907 and its precursor, *The New Mexico Collegian*, which dates back to 1893. Amount awarded: \$5,267.50

**Pueblo de Abiquiu Library and Community Cultural Center, Rio Arriba County** – Federal funds were awarded to the Culture Center to expand its digital multimedia archive by digitizing three collections; the Saint Thomas Apostle Parish School Board Records, the records of La Asociación de Santa Rosa de Lima de Abiquiu, and the Frank Trujillo Slides Collections. Amount awarded: \$5,082.00

**Pueblo of Isleta**– Federal funds were awarded to preserve 472 cubic feet of historical, cultural, legal, and legislative Pueblo documents. Amount awarded: \$5,039.39

**Santa Fe County Clerk Office** – State funds were awarded to index 11,980 pages of amortization mortgage records, mining records, lien records, records of contracts, tax deed records, tax sale certificate records, and records of will testaments. Amount awarded: \$5,100.00

**Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra Guild/“Fanfare,” Santa Fe County** – State funds were awarded to document the music and dance of ten ethnic groups residing in the Santa Fe area and to provide copies of video and audio recordings to schools, museums, and libraries. Amount awarded: \$6,424.00

**Taos Children’s Theatre, Taos County** – State funds were awarded to digitize videotapes of fifteen Taos Children’s Theater productions from 1998 to 2008. Amount awarded: \$450.00

**University of New Mexico’s John Gaw Meem Archives of Southwestern Architecture, Bernalillo County** – Federal funds were awarded to UNM to present a one-day workshop on the Care and Preservation of Oversized Paper Documents. Amount awarded: \$2,133.00

For additional information regarding awards made by the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board, please contact Grants Administrator Randy Forrester at 476-7936 or at [randy.forrester@state.nm.us](mailto:randy.forrester@state.nm.us).