



NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION (NHPRC)

ACTION NEEDED

For FY 2019, we urge Congress to provide at least \$6 million for the NHPRC grants program and to oppose any efforts to eliminate the program. NHPRC funding has been cut substantially in recent years, and it is important to ensure that its capacity not be further depleted. The NHPRC is currently funded at FY 2017 levels under a continuing resolution. The NHPRC is funded under the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

NHPRC Annual Appropriations, FY 2010 to Present (in millions of dollars)

Table with 9 columns: FY 2010, FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018. Values range from \$13 million to \$4 million.

*House +Senate

ABOUT NHPRC

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), commonly referred to as the "grant-making arm" of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), was established by Congress in 1934, along with the NARA, to promote the preservation and use of the American documentary record.

NHPRC SERVES NATIONAL NEEDS

- This small grants program enables the NARA to provide:
- National leadership through grants that support exploration of major archival issues, such as electronic records and coordination and communication among state archivists nationwide;
- Grants to create documentary editions (both physical and electronic) of the papers of individuals and institutions that have been identified as nationally significant.
- The NHPRC supports publications projects of national significance, such as the Ratification of the U.S. Constitution project, the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, and the Papers of George Washington.
- The NHPRC is committed to promoting increased public and educational access to these publications through digitization.
- These grants leverage state, local, institutional, foundation, and other private funding by requiring 50% cost sharing. NHPRC grants are the linchpin of the funding structures for most grant recipients.

Founded in 1981, the NATIONAL HUMANITIES ALLIANCE is a coalition of more than 190 organizations dedicated to the advancement of research, education, preservation, and public engagement in the humanities.