



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
 September 25, 2007

Honorable Mayor and  
 Members of the City Council

**Title:** Authorization to Apply for a National Historic Publications and Records Commission Grant

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution, authorizing the application for a grant from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission for the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center (SAMCC).

**Contact:** Marcia Eymann, Manager, 264-7072

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**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Convention, Culture & Leisure

**Division:** History and Science

**Organization No:** 4251

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The City is eligible to apply for a "Publishing Historical Records Grant" from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a two-year national grant available to state and local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations. The Publishing Historical Records Grant supports projects that preserve and create intellectual access to such collections as books, journals, newspapers, manuscript and archival materials, maps, still and moving images, sound recordings, art and objects of material culture. The amount of the NHPRC grant awards range from \$80,000 to \$130,000. SAMCC proposes to apply for a two-year grant in the amount of \$100,000 per year which will cover the costs of the salary of a full-time Archivist and the necessary archival supplies to process the collection. There is no requirement for matching City funds.

Funding received from this grant will be used to preserve, arrange, describe and digitize the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) Archival Collection. The deadline for submission of an application is October 1, 2007.

**Policy Considerations:** The action proposed in this report supports the City's

strategic goal to safeguard and manage the public's resources with integrity, prudence and efficiency.

**Environmental Considerations:** The application is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a "Project" as it is defined in Public Resources Code section 21065.

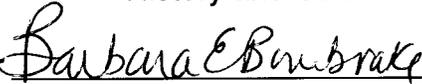
**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Publishing Historical Records Grant will provide needed funding for projects to benefit and enhance the community's quality of life by making the records of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency accessible.

**Financial Considerations:** None. Submission of an application for this grant will have no financial consequences for the City. The NHPRC will meet in May, 2008 to decide which projects will be funded and in what amount. If the grant is approved, the Manager of the History and Science Division will return to the City Council with a report requesting authorization to accept the grant and adjust SAMCC's budget in the funding amount. It is important to note that no matching funds are required to accept this grant funding.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** None. No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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History and Science Division

Approved by:   
Barbara E. Bonebrake, Director  
Convention, Culture and Leisure Department

Recommendation Approved:

  
for Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**BACKGROUND – NATIONAL HISTORIC PUBLICATIONS AND  
RECORDS COMMISSION (NHPRC) “PUBLISHING HISTORICAL  
RECORDS” GRANT**

The Publishing Historical Records grant is a competitive grant for state and local jurisdictions, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations. Funding received from this grant will be used to preserve, arrange, describe and digitize the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) Archival Collection.

The amount of the NHPRC grant awards range from \$80,000 to \$130,000. SAMCC proposes to apply for a two-year grant in the amount of \$100,000 per year which will cover the costs of the salary of a full-time Archivist and the necessary archival supplies to process the collection. There is no requirement for matching City funds. Funds received from any other grant will be used to complement any funds received from this NHPRC grant.

Established in 1950, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency’s mission was to revitalize communities and provide affordable housing opportunities. Unique among the agency’s redevelopment projects was the preservation and restoration of the Old Sacramento Historic District, the second oldest urban renewal historic district in the country.

Other SHRA projects include the Capitol Mall and K Street Mall projects, the Richards Boulevard development project and the collaboration with State and Federal agencies to construct the Interstate Route 5 freeway.

The SHRA Archival Collection consists of approximately 520 cubic feet of archival records including reports and studies, proposals, correspondence, plans, rehabilitation surveys, over 8,500 photographs, and blueprints, drawings, and maps which document the agency’s redevelopment activities.

Once digitized, the collection will be made available on the Sacramento Archive’s online database and will offer links to other websites such as those of the California State University Sacramento History Department, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Sachistoryline (the collaborative website of the California State Library, the Sacramento Public Library and SAMCC) and the official City and County websites.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A  
NATIONAL HISTORIC PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION  
“PUBLISHING HISTORICAL RECORDS” GRANT**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The National Historic Publications and Records Commission “Publishing Historical Records” grant is a competitive grant for state and local jurisdictions, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations.

The award amounts range from \$80,000 to \$130,000 with no requirement for matching City funds. The History and Science Division proposes to apply for a two-year grant in the amount of \$100,000 per year. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2007.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The History and Science Division of the Convention, Culture and Leisure Department is authorized to apply for the “Publishing Historical Records” grant from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission.