

# ***Digitizing Hidden Collections: Amplifying Unheard Voices***

## **Applicant Webinar**

### **August 21, 2024**

Welcome! We're glad you're here.  
There is no audio at the moment. Feel free to  
introduce yourself in the chat box. 🙋

**We'll begin the webinar at 1pm ET.**



Council on Library and  
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Digitizing Hidden Collections

# Amplifying Unheard Voices

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# Introductions

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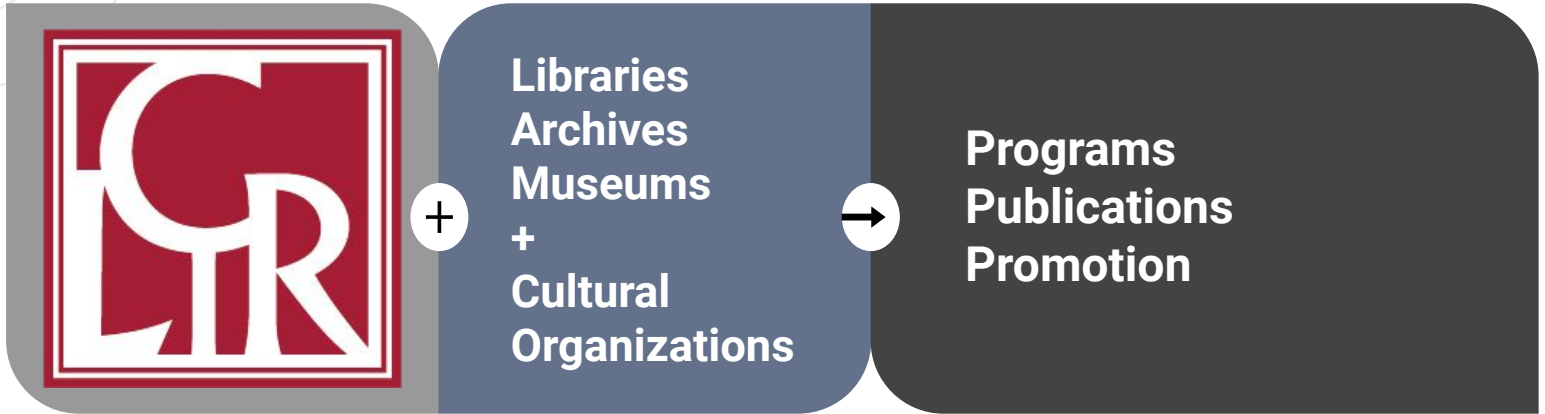
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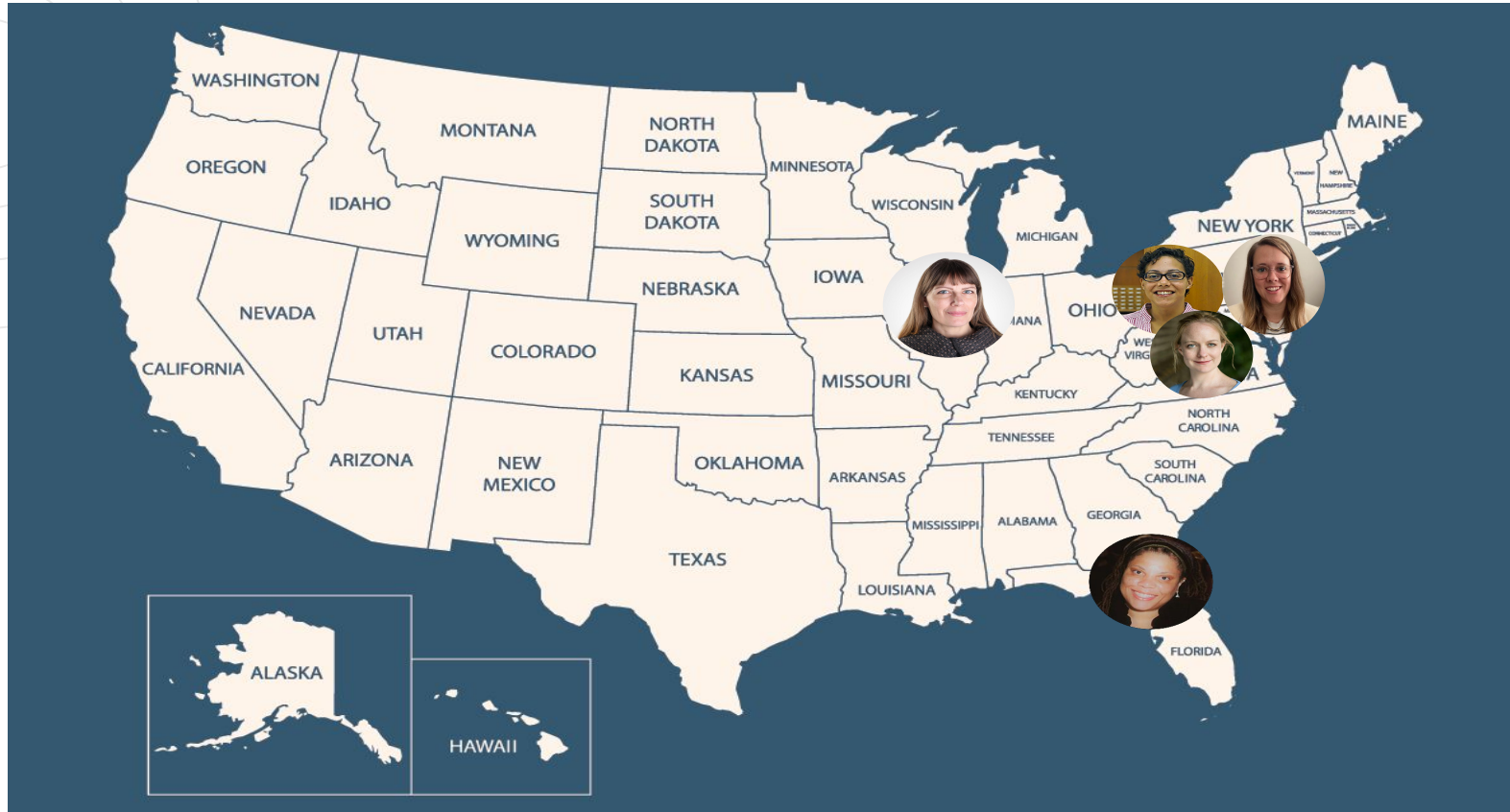
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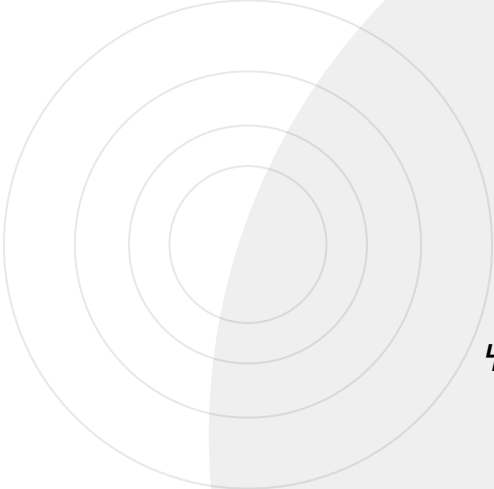
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# Our Organization



# Our Staff





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Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo)  
Myaamia  
Nacotchtank (Anacostan)  
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Piscataway  
Seminole  
Shawandasse Tula (Shawanwaki/Shawnee)  
Timucua

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where you live.

# Our Presentation

- ✓ Introductions
  - Program Overview
  - How to Apply
  - Question + Answer





# Program Overview

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# A Brief History



*Drawings of Salmonidae*  
The Biodiversity Heritage Library Field Notes Project (Funded 2015)  
Smithsonian Institution & partners

- **Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives:** Building a New Research Environment (2008-2014)
- **Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives:** Enabling New Scholarship through Increasing Access to Unique Materials (2015-2020)
- **Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives:** Amplifying Unheard Voices (2021- )

# Amplifying Unheard Voices

Funding projects with the potential to increase public understanding of the histories of people of color and other communities and populations whose work, experiences, and perspectives have been insufficiently recognized or unattended in the past.



***Christiansburg Institute Students***

"Changing the Narrative: Modeling Equitable Stewardship of African American Storytelling & History" (DHC AUV: Cohort 1)  
Christiansburg Institute Digital Archives

# Core Values

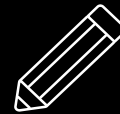
Public Knowledge

Broad Representation

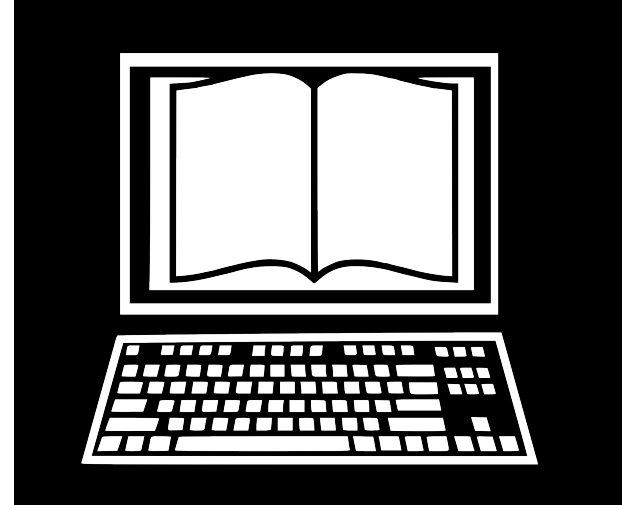
Authentic Partnerships

Sustainable Infrastructures

Community-Centered Access

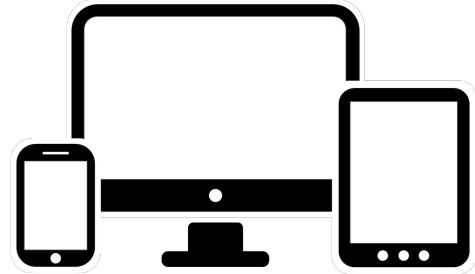
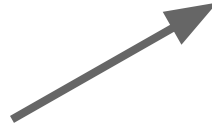


# What do you mean by "digitize"?



Adapted from an original infographic designed by Yuhou Gong, 2015.

# What do you mean by "hidden"?

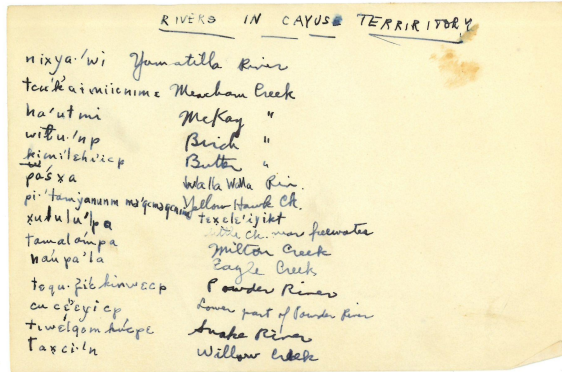


# What do you mean by “collections”?



# Past Projects

Washington State University & Partners



Sealaska Heritage Institute

[clir.org/hiddencollections/funded-projects/](http://clir.org/hiddencollections/funded-projects/)



Northeastern University & Partners



# How to Apply

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# Useful Links

Digitizing Hidden Collections Website

<https://www.clir.org/hiddencollections>

Digitizing Hidden Collections Apply for an Award

<https://www.clir.org/hiddencollections/apply-for-an-award/>



# Application Guidelines



Digitizing Hidden Collections

## Digitizing Hidden Special Collections & Archives: Amplifying Unheard Voices

2024-2025 Application Guidelines

*Version 1 - Initial Application*



# Initial Application

## Forms:

- Eligibility
- Applicant Information
- Project Overview
- Project Details
  - Project Details: Materials
  - Project Details: Tell the Story
  - Project Details: Rights, Ethics, and Re-use
  - Project Details: Outcomes
  - Project Details: Capacity
  - Project Details: Need for Support
    - Upload: Budget Narrative
    - Upload: Additional Information (optional)



# Eligibility

Organizations should be

- Nonprofit, academic, independent, or community based
- Located in the US or Canada
- Committed to the collection, preservation, and sharing of rare and unique materials with the general public.
- Federal, state, provincial, territorial, municipal, tribal, or indigenous government units in the US or Canada may also be eligible

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# Eligibility

- Collaborations are encouraged between eligible organizations
- Projects must support the digitization of rare or unique historical and cultural materials owned and held by eligible organizations
- Projects must abide by all award requirements related to funding levels, project duration, and intellectual property

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# Applicant Information

- Lead applicant organization
- Collaborating organizations + contacts (if applicable)
- Principal Investigator(s)





# Project Overview

- Project Title
- Project Summary
- Field(s) of project
- Resubmission
- Size of request
  - Between USD/CAD \$50,000–\$300,000
- Project timeline
  - 12, 24, or 36 months
  - Beginning January 1, 2026





# Project Details

- Physical materials
- Voices of the collections
- Rights or ethical concerns
- Outcomes and audiences
- Experience and capacity of the applicant organization(s)
- Statement of need



# Project Details

- Need for support
  - -NEW: Budget Narrative
  - -NEW: Additional Uploads (optional)

# Review + Submit





# Review Process

- Independent, standing review panel
- Initial application
  - At least 2 reviewers
  - Portion of applications selected for final round
- Final application
  - At least 3 reviewers
  - Portion of applications recommended for funding

# 2024-25 timeline

Deadline for Initial Applications: **October 30, 2024**

Notification for Advancing Applications: by **mid-February, 2025**

Support for Advancing Applicants: **February-April 2025**

Deadline for Final Applications: **May 5**

Public Announcement of funded projects : **November 2025**

# Final Application

Anticipated additional application components:

- Project Overview: Final application adjustments
- Project Details--Materials: List of collections [Upload], Quantities of materials, Representative samples [Upload]
- Project Details--Tell the Story: External letters of support [Upload]
- Project Details--Rights, Ethics, and Re-Use: Indicate access restrictions
- Project Details--Outcomes: Quantities of files to be created, platforms for access

# Final Application

Anticipated additional application components:

- Project Details--Work Plan: Project Work Plan and Timeline [Upload]
- Project Details--Capacity: Letter(s) of commitment [Upload], Resumés/Job Descriptions [Upload]
- Project Details--Need for Support: Budget Detail [Upload], Budget Narrative [Upload], Service Quotes/Estimates as required [Upload]

# Question + Answer

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Use the Q&A box in Zoom to submit questions.

Upvote questions from others to move something up in the queue.

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# Thank you!

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