The Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board (CHRAB), established by Executive Order of the Governor in 1976, serves the public as the central advisory body within Colorado for historical records planning and coordination.

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CHRAB funds allowed us to purchase the necessary supplies and hourly labor to complete the project. The project has also provided much-needed preservation of the original items.

—University Libraries, University of Denver

It laid the groundwork for greater access to the collection by the public.

—Town of Windsor Museum

We thank you very much for granting us the funding to get this program going. We feel that now we have the opportunity to share our information with many people.

—Homelake Veterans’ History Center Museum

This is what previous year’s grant recipients have said:

Hot Sulphur Springs First Winter Sports Carnival circa February 1912. Photo courtesy of Grand County Historical Association.

Washington Avenue, Golden, CO. Photo courtesy of Golden Landmarks Association.

Colorado State Capitol circa 1920s. Photo courtesy of Colorado State Archives.
The CHRAB will ensure understanding of our state’s past by supporting statewide, the efforts to identify, preserve, and promote access to essential historical documentation.

To be effective, CHRAB must encourage all users to access historical information. We also must find technologies, techniques and partners that can improve service and efficiency, and we must assist all repositories in expanding, continuously, their capability to meet basic and ideal expectations.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), CHRAB reviews NHPRC grant proposals from Colorado organizations and makes recommendations to the National Commission.

In 2011, CHRAB developed a re-granting program designed to serve the needs of the state’s diverse archival repositories. Organizations can request funding for a wide variety of projects, including digitization, preservation needs, disaster planning, improving accessibility to collections and purchasing supplies.