

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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Chicago, Illinois**

SAA Foundation Board Report

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As reported in the [January/February issue of *Archival Outlook*](#), contributions to the Foundation in Calendar Year 2018 totaled \$96,441 (compared with \$76,300 in CY 2017 and \$72,648 in CY 2016) from 450 donors (compared with a record 548 in CY 2017 and 413 in CY 2016). Many thanks to our generous donors!

In 2018 the Foundation:

- Awarded more than \$31,000 in grants from the Strategic Growth Fund to support eight archives projects;
- Provided more than \$37,000 from the NDRFA to support institutions in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands in recovering from Hurricanes Maria and Irma;
- Helped 10 individuals attend the 2018 Joint Annual Meeting by providing each with \$1,000 in financial support; and
- Continued to fund SAA’s scholarship and awards program.

With staff assistance in providing an automated review and ranking process, the Foundation Grant Review Committee evaluated 22 letters of inquiry and invited 12 grant proposals in the 2019 cycle (compared with nine proposals received in 2018 and three in 2017). The Foundation Board has approved \$21,300 for five grant awards in the 2019 cycle.

Per the SAAF Development Plan, staff implemented a day of giving on May 1 (in conjunction with SAA’s MayDay initiative) to benefit the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives. A total of \$2,020 was donated by 16 individuals. The Development Plan includes a second day of giving in the fall to benefit the Mosaic Scholarship Fund as well as #GivingTuesday to boost the Annual Appeal in November.

The Foundation Board will conduct its annual meeting in conjunction with the Joint Annual Meeting in Austin and will forego a meeting in Chicago in November to save both money and Class A members’ time and energy. The Development Committee will hold a mid-year meeting, as the work of that group is ongoing and “foundational” to the Board’s work.

As always, we are happy to respond to any questions or comments.