The 2018-2019 Grant Review Committee was composed of Scott Cline (chair), JoyEllen Williams, Angelique Richardson, Nance McGovern (non-Board member), and Executive Director Nancy Beaumont (ex officio). The Foundation received 22 letters of inquiry by the December 1, 2018, deadline; the Grant Review Committee invited 12 of the inquirers to submit applications. After careful review of the applications, the Committee recommended and the Board approved funding of five grants totaling $21,634.

Knowledge of and interest in the Foundation’s Strategic Growth grant program continues to increase. In 2016, its first grant cycle, the Foundation received and funded one application. In 2017, the Foundation received three applications and funded two of them. For the 2018 cycle the Foundation awarded eight grants.

The Committee had to be very selective because the funding available for 2019 was lower than the previous year and the quality of proposals in this cycle was quite high. After evaluating, ranking, and discussing the applications, the Committee recommended and the Board approved the following institutions for grants from the Strategic Growth Fund:

- **Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Archives ($5000)**
  An initiative to develop workshops and a toolkit related to the *Protocols for Native American Archival Materials*. The goal is to provide resources and training in creating lines of communication and collaboration with Tribal institutions, groups, and communities who have an interest in Native American archival collections.

- **Music of Asian America Research Center ($5000)**
  An initiative, “Documenting Asian American Community Music Ensembles,” to locate and make initial contact with Asian American community music ensembles, and with repositories that currently hold relevant materials.

- **Missouri State University ($2500)**
  A regional project to draft and implement an emergency response plan, provide basic emergency response training, practice material recovery techniques, forge relationships with emergency response personnel, network with colleagues and specialists, and have access to salvage supplies and manpower from members of regional archives and cultural heritage institutions.
- Illinois State University ($4134)
  Write at least fifteen quality Wikipedia biographical entries on prominent archivists, primarily female archivists and archivists of color and, time permitting, improving upon existing archivist-focused Wikipedia articles.

- The Autry Museum ($5000)
  An initiative to create a workbook related to the *Protocols for Native American Archival Materials* to assist institutions holding such materials, and forging a collaboration that includes the combined efforts of archivists, museum professionals, repatriation officers, archeologists, and tribal representatives.

The Grant Review Committee conducted its annual review of the application guidelines, the procedures for evaluating proposals, and the online evaluation tools. There was consensus among Committee members that the process worked smoothly and that the online evaluation tools worked efficiently. Committee members made minor suggestions for improving the evaluation process; all suggestions were administrative or technical in nature. No suggestions were made related to the policy documents and no action is required by the Board.

The Committee is unanimous in its gratitude to Felicia Owens for her work in automating the whole process and, thus, making our work more efficient.