

SAA Foundation Strategic Plan (2025-2027)

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Goals	Lead/Collaborators	Timeline	Initiatives	Status
GOAL 1: Share financial resources to benefit archival practitioners and the collections for which they care. [2]	Grant Review Committee/CORDA	FY27	Strengthening collaboration with the SAA CORDA committee and aligning research funding priorities	● 10
GOAL 1: Share financial resources to benefit archival practitioners and the collections for which they care. [2]	Board/Grants Review Committee	FY25 - FY27	Designate grant funds for capacity-building in community archives.	● 80
GOAL 1: Share financial resources to benefit archival practitioners and the collections for which they care. [2]		FY26	Support cooperative projects that enhance shared access to archival materials	● 0
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GOAL 1: Share financial resources to benefit archival practitioners and the collections for which they care. [2]	Grants Review Committee/Dev Comm	FY27	Dedicate research grants funds to projects that forward initiatives in the SAA Work Plan on DEIA.	● 60

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GOAL 1: Share financial resources to benefit archival practitioners and the collections for which they care. [2]	Development Committee	FY27 - FY28	Foster partnerships to expand and broaden reach to archivists beyond SAA members/current audience.	● 0
GOAL 2: Expand financial resources to ensure their sustainability, diversify partnerships, and fully fund our programs. [2]	Grant Review Committee	FY26	Review grants landscape and identify 1 funding opportunity that could advance the work of SAA.	● 0
GOAL 2: Expand financial resources to ensure their sustainability, diversify partnerships, and fully fund our programs. [2]	Board	FY26	Establish a concrete donor growth target and charge each board member with identifying up to two potential donors to support reaching it.	● 0

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GOAL 2: Expand financial resources to ensure their sustainability, diversify partnerships, and fully fund our programs. #	Development Committee	FY26 - FY27	Peer-to-peer fundraising campaigns (Catalyst Fund & Mosaic Scholarship Fund)	● 30
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GOAL 2: Expand financial resources to ensure their sustainability, diversify partnerships, and fully fund our programs. #	Development Committee	FY26 - FY27	Create an integrated stewardship system that includes a donor matrix to guide communication and engagement levels, along with sustainable pre and post donor stewardship practices that cultivate lifelong relationships.	● 33

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GOAL 2: Expand financial resources to ensure their sustainability, diversify partnerships, and fully fund our programs. #	Board	FY27	Expand financial resources, via external grants that support the priorities of the Foundation to expand the grant program (Mellon Foundation, etc.)	● 0
GOAL 3: Steward human and technological resources to promote a nimble, responsive, and engaged culture of philanthropy. #	Development Committee	FY26-FY27	Develop matching gift & crowdfunding support: provide matching funds for community-driven fundraising efforts.	● 10
GOAL 3: Steward human and technological resources to promote a nimble, responsive, and engaged culture of philanthropy. #	Staff	FY26	Create frictionless opportunities to receive donations.	● 50
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GOAL 3: Steward human and technological resources to promote a nimble, responsive, and engaged culture of philanthropy. #	Foundation Leaders Governance Committee	FY26	Enhanced orientation for Board of Directors.	● 40
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GOAL 3: Steward human and technological resources to promote a nimble, responsive, and engaged culture of philanthropy. 	Development Committee	FY26-FY27	Research ways to expand planned and other giving programs (donor-advised funds)	 0
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GOAL 3: Steward human and technological resources to promote a nimble, responsive, and engaged culture of philanthropy. 	Development Committee Gift Acceptance	FY28-FY29	Explore and develop a corporate giving program.	 0
GOAL 3: Steward human and technological resources to promote a nimble, responsive, and engaged culture of philanthropy. 	Grant Review Committee Development Committee	FY27 - FY28	Steward human and technological resources to systematically review the grants landscape and surface strategic funding opportunities that advance the SAA Foundation's philanthropic work.	 0