

**Society of American Archivists  
Component Group Funding Request  
FY26  
(July 1 – June 30)**

**Accessibility and Disability Section: Funding to Support ADA  
Title II Updates Event**

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The Accessibility and Disability Section requests that funding be allocated by SAA Council to support an April 22, 2026 ADA Title II Updates Event.

**BACKGROUND**

The Accessibility and Disability Section Steering Committee requests funding for ASL and CART interpretation for our April event about digital accessibility requirements added to the revised Title II of the ADA. The talk covers the relevance of the revisions to Title II, and the interpreters/captioners would make that talk accessible. The talk is scheduled for 3:30–4:30pm EST, April 22, 2026.

**DISCUSSION**

The program will consist of a talk from Paul T. Jaeger, PhD, JD, MLS, MEd on the revisions to Title II of the ADA and their relevance to archives. It will benefit archivists by increasing their knowledge of legal requirements around their daily practices. The ASL interpreters and CART captioners will make the event accessible to a wider audience than would otherwise be possible; for a talk about digital accessibility, it is only logical that the talk itself is accessible.

- How is this project significant to the component group(s)? How is this project significant to SAA overall? Who is the audience for this project?
  - This talk is significant to ADS because it is one of the events we are hosting this year. It is significant to SAA as a whole because the topics covered will be applicable to all archival practice. The audience for the talk is any interested SAA member, with a particular emphasis on those part of the ADS group.
- How is the request aligned with SAA’s mission, vision, and values?
  - This event will help enact SAA’s core values by: actively contributing ideas and resources to our field; engaging in professional development; fostering a

- better understanding of the laws and policies around archiving; and sharing knowledge.
- Please indicate whether the project or program will support disenfranchised or marginalized communities.
  - Through its focus on the Title II revisions, the program will support disabled individuals. By making the event accessible, disabled individuals will be more likely to have their access needs met and be able to easily attend and enjoy the event.
- Does the project foster collaboration between SAA component groups? Does it foster collaboration with groups outside of SAA?
  - Yes. Multiple groups are interested in sponsoring it, and multiple groups will be invited.
- What is special about this project? How is it innovative?
  - This project paves the way for future component groups to obtain access to funding for accessibility teams (ASL/CART/etc.) for their meetings.
- What or who will this project fund?
  - ASL services (\$440) and CART services (\$310) from Vital Signs; total amount is \$750.
- What are the expected outcomes? How will the outcomes benefit SAA? How do the outcomes support work that is fundamental to the archives' profession?
  - The expected outcome is a more accessible ADS event. That will benefit SAA by making it, as a whole, more accessible. The archival profession as a whole will be benefitted by our making ADS/SAA events more accessible.
- Please consider and share the sustainability and impact of the program or project
  - The sustainability will depend upon future funding for accessibility for component group events. The impact of the project will be more accessible ADS/SAA events.

## **Budget**

Numerous vendors and associated quotes were reviewed in preparing this request. The requested budget follows: ASL services (\$440) and CART services (\$310) from Vital Signs; total amount is \$750

## **FUNDING REQUEST**

**The Accessibility and Disability Section requests funding in the amount of \$750 to support their April 22 ADA Title II Updates Event.**

### **Support Statement:**

The Accessibility and Disability Section Steering Committee requests funding in the amount of \$750 to cover ASL interpreters and CART captioning for the Access & Disability Steering Committee's April 22 event on revisions to Title II of the ADA.

### **Relation to SAA Strategic Plan:**

The proposal relates to goals 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 of the 2023-2025 SAA Strategic Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:**

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