



MayDay Appeal 2023

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your interest and support of CoSA programs focused on making our state, territorial, and District of Columbia government records accessible and protected. We depend on your support to build collaborative research, education, and advocacy programs that help state and territorial government archives with their responsibilities for protecting the rights and historical documents of the American people. Please continue your support with a gift to our spring MayDay Appeal!

Our annual MayDay Appeal reminds us that severe and unpredictable weather events, aging infrastructures, and human errors continue to take their tolls on buildings, collections, and the preservation and service work our staffs do. As archivists, librarians, historians and curators, we know that preparedness is critical when disaster strikes. We have our emergency preparedness plans, we practice our drills, we take our training seriously. However, it's hard to be completely prepared for disasters that are massive in scope.

When CoSA launched its [Disaster Recovery Fund](#) more than five years ago, its purpose was to provide modest support to state and territorial archives recovering from natural disasters. Over the years, CoSA has used these funds to help archives devastated by hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding. We couldn't have done this without your support.

MayDay allows us time each year to consider what we can do to make a difference when (*not if*) an emergency occurs. In recognition of MayDay 2023, CoSA asks for your help to replenish and grow the [Disaster Recovery Fund](#) so that we have resources available to help when and where it is most needed. **Your gift of \$75 or more will make a big difference in replenishing this fund.**

This year, we are delighted to welcome the following "Lifeline Sponsors" to the appeal: [Gaylord Archival](#), [Hollinger Metal Edge, Inc.](#) and the [Northeast Document Conservation Center](#). These allied businesses are deeply committed to the care and preservation of archival collections and have made special contributions to the [Disaster Recovery Fund](#). We thank them very much for their support.

Now, it's your turn. Please consider making *your* generous contribution [online](#) or with a check mailed to the Council of State Archivists, 6 Liberty Square, Suite 95366, Boston, MA 02109.

Lend a hand in of support heritage preservation. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

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