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Subject: Limited Competition: NEH National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)

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UNM Researchers,

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Preservation and Access is accepting applications for the National Digital Newspaper Program. The purpose of this program is to create a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963, from all the states and U.S. territories. This searchable database will be permanently maintained at the Library of Congress (LC) and will be freely accessible online. Recipients will be responsible for selecting and converting approximately 100,000 pages into digital files (preferably from microfilm), according to the technical guidelines outlined by the Library of Congress.

NEH intends to support projects in all states and U.S. territories. Awards are made to an organization within each U.S. state or territory, which typically collaborates with relevant state partners in this effort. After their initial NDNP awards, state partners are encouraged to seek second and third awards, to produce a total of approximately 300,000 pages of digitized newspapers per state. Recipients may receive support for continued work beyond the third award, but the program gives priority to applications from those states and territories that have not received NDNP funding—as well as applications from states and territories that have received fewer than three awards.

The NEH will award thirteen Cooperative Agreements of up to \$325,000 each for up to 2 years with a start date of September 1, 2020. This Cooperative Agreement does not require a cost share/match, and it will not be considered in the evaluation applications. Proposals to the sponsor are due January 15, 2020.

In collaboration with NEH staff, who will be assisted by LC technical advisors, the recipient will perform all tasks needed for the continued development of [Chronicling America](#). Complete program details can be found at: <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/national-digital-newspaper-program>.

**This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one proposal.** If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send a statement of interest with a tentative project title, brief description (200 words), and the names and organizations of all perspective personnel by **noon, December 12, 2019** via e-mail to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line: **NEH NDNP – your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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