

Preserving the American Historical Record: **What About Jobs?**

PAHR will stimulate job growth

- If fully funded, PAHR will provide **\$37,500,000 to support jobs** throughout the country, or over 1000 jobs annually.
- PAHR will provide **\$50 million in federal funding** to the states and territories for projects to protect and provide access to historical records.
- Historical records projects are “jobs-heavy.” Existing grant programs demonstrate that (on average) **75% of funds for such projects are used to pay staff.**

Current job statistics:

- There are more than 11,000 professional archivists in the United States working in 8,500 government agencies, historical societies, libraries, museums, academic institutions, and other organizations in the U.S.
- These professional archivists are responsible for providing care for and public access to more than 44,000,000,000 items of paper historical records, and more than 727,000,000,000 photographs documenting the people, organizations, governments, and history of this country.
- More than 1,250 students are currently enrolled in graduate archival education programs, and they will be seeking jobs in the next two years.
- State government archives have experienced cuts in their budgets averaging 12%, including reductions in staff through retirement, attrition and layoffs, so the number of jobs is currently ***declining.***

PAHR is a viable route for stimulating the creation and stabilization of jobs in the archival profession. The cost is small in comparison to the return on this investment!