NEH Preservation Grants at Kalamazoo College

Collection Digitization and Preservation Workshop
Michigan Collections Network
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About Kalamazoo College
About the Archives
Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions
Grant Application

• Narrative (5 pages)
• Staff résumés
• Budget (1 page)

• Samples on the NEH website!
NEH Grant #1: Preservation Assessment

• Asked for an expert to assess our collection
  – Eric Alstrom, MSU

• Outcome: Assessment Report
NEH Grant #2: Filling Recommendations

• Purchase preservation supplies
• Focus on scrapbooks, blueprints
Before!

During!

After!
NEH Grant #3: Filling Recommendations (Again)

• Focus on A/V materials
Tip #1: Your Collection IS Nationally Important
Tip#2: Be Specific

- Quantify
- Give examples
- Tell a story
- Ask “so what?”
Tip #3: Your Project Will Advance the Institution

• **How** will it help you make improvements?

• **Why** are these improvements important?
Tip #4: Don’t Reinvent the Wheel

Grant website includes:

• Narratives of funded projects
• Sample budget
Questions?

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