



Professional Standards & the Ohio History Fund Grants

The History Fund expects that the applicant organization will have or will obtain the requisite professional expertise to carry out the proposed project. Projects will adhere to or help the organization to meet accepted professional standards. Currently, standards govern the practice of history in these areas:

Archaeology:

[Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation](#)

[Society for American Archaeology's Principles of Archaeological Ethics](#)

[Ohio Archaeological Council – Code of Ethics:](#)

Archives:

[Society of American Archivists Standards](#)

Collections:

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works – [“Codes of Ethics and Guidelines for Practice”](#) and [“Caring for Your Treasures”](#)

National Park Service [“NPS Museum Handbook, Part I: Museum Collections”](#)

Digitization:

[Federal Agencies Digital Guidelines Initiative \(FADGI\):](#)

National Information Standards Organization [Framework for Building Good Digital Collections](#)

NOTE: The FADGI standards are more recent and are preferred, but the older NISO Framework standards are also acceptable.

Genealogy: Board Certification for Genealogists (BCG): [Ethics & Standards and Genealogy Standards, second edition revised \(2021\)](#)

Historical Societies and Museums:

[Standards and Excellence Program \(StEPs\)](#) of the American Association for State and Local History:

Historic Preservation:

[Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties](#) augmented by [Preservation Briefs](#) on specific subjects

History Scholarship:

[American Historical Association's Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct](#)

Museums:

[American Association of Museums, Ethics, Standards, and Professional Practices](#)

Nonprofit Organizations:

Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations, [An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector](#)

Ohio Attorney General, Resources for Charities: [Avoiding Theft in Your Nonprofit](#) and [Guide for Charity Board Members](#)

Oral History:

[Oral History Association, Principals and Best Practices](#)