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# Assessment Criteria

- **Impact:** the potential scholarly and public impact of the project
- **Urgency:** the urgency of undertaking the reformatting to avoid risk of loss
- **Potential for preservation:** the viability of the work plan and deliverable for preserving the content over time
- **Approach to access:** the approach to legal and ethical concerns affecting access

# Eligibility

- U.S. nonprofit academic, research, or cultural memory organizations
- Organization and collections must be in the U.S. or an associated entity
- Government units and their agencies: eligible, if cultural heritage is primary function
- Federally recognized tribal governments: eligible

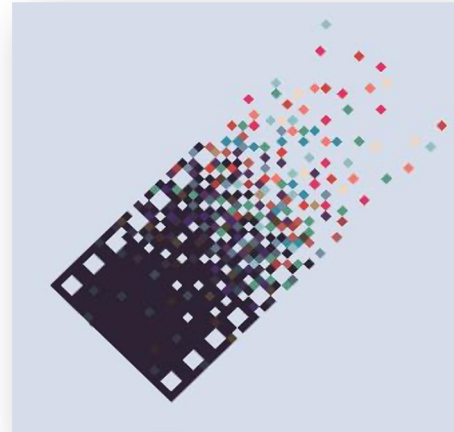
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# Allowable formats

- Audio / Video / Film



- Primarily focused on analog-to-digital transfer



# Cycle 12 Timeline



**Application Cycle Opens**



**Application Deadline**



**Recipients Announced**

All project work will take place between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026.



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# Amplifying Unheard Voices



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# Amplifying Unheard Voices

Funding projects with the potential to increase public understanding of the histories of people of color and other communities and populations whose work, experiences, and perspectives have been insufficiently recognized or unattended in the past.



*"Fisk Forever. Digitizing Materials by and about Fisk University"*  
(Digitizing Hidden Special Collections & Archives 2020)  
The Fisk University John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library



# Core Values

[clir.org/hiddencollections/#core\\_values](https://clir.org/hiddencollections/#core_values)

Public  
Knowledge

Broad  
Representation

Authentic  
Partnerships

Sustainable  
Infrastructures

Community-  
Centered  
Access



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# Cohort 3 timeline

Deadline for Initial Applications: **October 30, 2024**

Notification for Advancing Applications: by **Mid February 2025**

Support for Advancing Applicants: **February–April 2025**

Deadline for Final Applications: **May 5, 2025**

Public Announcement of funded projects: **October 2025**



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