



**Council of State Archivists (CoSA)
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State and territorial archives play a critical role in preserving the nation’s history and the rights of its citizens by providing access to records. These government archival programs seek to provide appropriate, unbiased, and effective stewardship of the historical records in their care. Consistent funding and support for the work of state and territorial archives is necessary to enable them to effectively manage and make archival records widely accessible, take advantage of evolving technologies, and foster innovative projects and research. With such support, state and territorial archives can continue to:

- collect the records that make transparent government possible,
- preserve evidence of civil and property rights,
- Ensure stability and longevity of digital records in spite of rapidly changing technologies, and
- protect the nation’s most essential records from disasters.

CoSA advocates for advancing the needs of its members, stakeholders, and the public by supporting CoSA’s initiatives and the profession at large through:

- acting as a clearinghouse for information on current and emerging issues and legislation affecting government archives,
- participating in policy and funding discussions to reinforce the mission of state and territorial archives,
- developing advocacy and awareness messages to strengthen state and territorial archives, and
- working in partnership with counterparts in allied organizations to develop a broad coalition supporting CoSA’s and state and territorial archives’ missions.