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**Re: Reduced Funding for Historic Documents Preservation Grant Program, FY 2010**

Date: June 2, 2009

Senate Bill No. 1167, *An Act Concerning a State Deficit Mitigation Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009*, passed the State Senate on May 21, 2009 and passed the State House on May 22, 2009. The bill was signed by Governor Rell on May 26, 2009.

Sec. 3 (90) states that **“the sum of \$900,000 shall be transferred from the historic documents preservation account, State Library, and credited to the resources of the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.”**

The transfer of this amount of money has left us with a very small balance in the historic documents preservation account. As a result, applications for **targeted grants for cycle 1 FY 2010** will be reviewed and approved in order of the receipt date, and grant contracts will be processed **on a funds available basis**. Once a grant contract has been signed by the State Librarian and an Attorney General Representative and returned to a municipality, payments will be processed.

**Effective immediately**, we will not accept or process any applications for **targeted grants for cycle 2 FY 2010**.

Furthermore, we will not be able to award any competitive grants for FY 2010. Pursuant to our Grant Guidelines for FY 2010, **“Targeted Grants will receive priority funding from the program. In the event that there is insufficient funding in any given year for both Targeted and Competitive Grants, only Targeted Grants will be offered.”** Towns that have submitted a competitive grant application will have the opportunity to submit a targeted grant application in its place, which will be processed as a cycle 1 application.

Any questions relating to this issue may be directed to Eunice G. DiBella, CRM, Public Records Administrator, (860) 757-6540 or [edibella@cslib.org](mailto:edibella@cslib.org).