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**DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION**

The Philadelphia Department of Records is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has awarded an Archives and Records Management Project Grant for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for \$12,500.00 to undertake a project update and refine a disaster preparedness and recovery plan for the Philadelphia City Archives and Records Center. This funding initiative will provide the expertise and resources to develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness and response plan so the City's rich historical legacy will be preserved and accessible for future generations. The plan will put in place mitigation strategies to limit any potential damage to the city's records and guidelines to respond quickly and efficiently in the event of an emergency.

The Department is pleased to be selected for participation in the Archives and Records Management Project Grant and to continue to safeguard the City's records.

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The Philadelphia City Archives, a unit of the Philadelphia Department of Records, preserves all City records of historical, administrative, legal, research, cultural or other important value. It has one of the most extensive collections of municipal records—from the City's founding by William Penn in the 17th Century to the records of a modern government confronting health, education, human rights, transportation, economic development, taxes, land use and property.



The **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)** is the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Created in 1945, we are responsible for the collection, conservation, and interpretation of Pennsylvania's historic heritage, which we accomplish through the Pennsylvania State Archives, the State Museum of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Historic Sites and Museums, the Pennsylvania Trails of History, the Bureau for Historic Preservation, and the Bureau of Management Services.