

OHRAB - Ohio Archives Grant (2021 Cycle) -- Interim Report
Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio
Preserving and Amplifying Diverse Voices at ONU
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Summary of Grant Progress

As of this report, we are currently on track to complete grant funded work for the *Preserving and Amplifying Diverse Voices at ONU* project funded by the Ohio Historic Records Advisory Board through the Ohio Archives Grant. Significant work accomplishments have included the hiring of an undergraduate student intern, Yitshaq Watson, (through grant funds) to support the transfer, preservation, and archival access work of the grant project. Mr. Watson began his work on August 23rd, and has initially focused on identifying and appraising historical records at the Office of Multicultural Development that will be transferred to the ONU Archives. Additionally, we have purchased all of the anticipated archival supplies that will be needed to complete the grant.

Project Details

Summary of Purchases:

Archival Supplies - Hollinger Metal Edge	\$556.50
Elgato Video Capture	\$364.99
Refurbished S-VHS/DVD deck (Sony SLV-D300P) ¹	\$87.99
TOTAL	\$1,009.48

Grant Labor

- Archivist -- Matt Francis -- Matching Funds Support
 - Internship supervision and grant related work = 22 hours
- Director of Multicultural Development -- Dr. Albertina Walker -- Matching Funds Support
 - Internship supervision and grant related work = 10 hours
- Student Intern -- Yitshaq Watson -- Grant Funded Work
 - Onsite assessment and appraisal = 4 hours

Potential Challenges to successful completion of grant work by December 31, 2021

¹ Purchase of the Elgato Video Capture card and the SONY SLV-D300P were replacement purchases for the Fujitsu scanner that was proposed in the original application. We believe these purchases will allow us to digitize cassettes from the ONU Archives and OMD that directly support the goals of the grant, specifically the preservation and amplification of diverse voices from our ONU community.

As stated, at this time we believe that we will successfully complete all grant work by the December 31st deadline. However, at this time we are aware of two potential risk factors that could be disruptive for the planned work.

1. The Office of Multicultural Development is currently moving to a new office location on the ONU campus. While we do not anticipate this move will hinder grant work, we are aware that large scale moves can cause unanticipated disruption.
2. Due to the high transmission of the COVID-19 Delta variant, ONU introduced new guidelines for our campus to reduce the potential risk of transmission of the virus on August 9th. At this time the current guidelines will not cause delays for our work, however if local transmission continues to increase it is possible that further additional guidelines could lead to the proposed grant work becoming impractical.

Examples of Publicity

At this time we have not yet taken actions to publicize grant work, however we look forward to doing so as we begin to complete tasks that will produce deliverables for our community members to engage with (finding aids, digitized materials, research resources).