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The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and  
General Government  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Steve Womack  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and  
General Government  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chair Quigley and Ranking Member Womack,

I am requesting \$325,000 under the FY 23 National Archives & Records Administration, National Historical Publications & Records Commission program for the Pimeria Alta Historical Society & Museum's archive project proposal.

Based in Nogales, Arizona, the Pimería Alta Historical Society and Museum (PAHS) has preserved the history of our southern border region since 1948. They have an extensive collection of photographs, documents, newspapers, maps and numerous other valuable items that tell the story of the Pimería Alta region and the development of the American West.

For generations the descendants of pioneer families of the area have bequeathed their family collections to the PAHS so that their stories may be preserved. The PAHS requests funds to digitize their vast collection in order to share our history with the public and ensure that the collection is preserved in perpetuity. Specifically, the request is for archival work and the creation of a new website that will allow for easy public access to the vast collection. With the assistance of professional archivists, PAHS will document, digitize and share one of the largest and most significant history collections of the American/Mexican border region. This project will undoubtedly add an important piece to our national archive system and serve to provide a fuller and more accurate depiction of our countries rich history.

The \$325,000 budget includes: full-time archivists and support staff - \$200,000, computers, scanners - \$50,000, storage for Ephemera - \$25,000, website development - \$25,000, marketing of PAHS archive website - \$25,000. Public access to historical archives will be readily available digitally for research and to educational institutions, and accessible in print for museum visitors.

This is a shovel-ready project and will not require additional funding.

I appreciate your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'G'.

Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress