

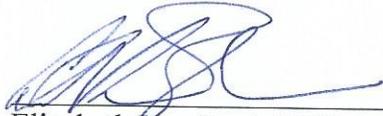
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Request for Funding from Jenny Smith Fund: \$10,000.00

Preservation Microfilming Program – *Telegram*

Project: The Bridgeport History Center will microfilm the "Bridgeport Telegram," 1932-1937, a newspaper published by the Post Publishing company 6 mornings a week from the early 20th Century through the 1980s. Quality masters, print masters, and service copies will be produced on silver halide film according the Library of Congress and RLG standards and the masters will be stored in the CT State Library temperature and humidity-controlled vault according to industry best practices. The number of pages would total ca. 52-53,000 with one reel/month and one page per frame being produced. The "Telegram" had its own staff of reporters and ran separate stories than the "Post." Most of the "Telegram" as published from the early 20th Cen. through the 1980s has been available on film for years. Only the bulk of the 1930s was never filmed.

Funding: Last month, the City Librarian and board approved allocating \$4,000 toward the filming of the "Telegram" for this fiscal year. In addition, the BHC was just awarded a *one time grant* of \$10,000 from CT Humanities to defray the costs of this project. In order to speed this project along and capture rapidly deteriorating newspapers on film as soon as possible, the History Center requests permission to use \$10,000 from the Jenny Smith Fund (a fund designated for preservation activities) in this fiscal year. \$24,000 will cover more than half of the cost of the microfilming of this valuable paper. After this initial expenditure has been applied to the project, the BHC will have a better idea of exactly how many volumes will require filming in the next fiscal year.



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