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Dear members of MAC,

The Trump administration's fiscal year 2018 budget request, announced on May 23, seeks to eliminate or drastically cut funding for several agencies that are central to our profession. These agencies include the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Archives and Records Administration, and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Additional information about this announcement, including next steps in the budget process and steps we as concerned professionals can take, is provided by the Society of American Archivists here:

<http://www2.archivists.org/news/2017/trump-administration%E2%80%99s-proposed-fy18-budget-slashes-funding-for-ims-nhprc-neh-nea>

As the SAA site notes, it is important to keep in mind that this is an advisory notice from the White House; Congress ultimately will decide the budgetary outcome. I encourage my colleagues to join me in keeping informed and contacting our representatives in Congress to ensure that these vital programs are maintained.

Thank you,  
David McCartney  
President, MAC