CHICAGO, IL, June 28th – The Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association has created the GODORT Preservation Grant Program, a new funding opportunity for library projects focused on the preservation of government information. The grant, which offers up to $5,000 dollars in funding, will be awarded starting in 2025, with applications available starting in October of 2024. GODORT hopes to help libraries preserve their critical collections for sharing across the country and around the world.

The GODORT Preservation Grant provides funding for library work associated with preserving government information in all formats and from all levels of government in order to sustain current and future access. Work eligible for funding includes, but is not limited to, web archiving or digital preservation activities, contracted metadata creation for print or born-digital content, student employee wages associated with validating or cataloging print or digital materials for preservation purposes; and supply costs for materials to stabilize eligible collections.

The GODORT Preservation Grant Program was initiated following the recommendations of a preservation working group that included librarians and commercial vendors.¹ While GODORT has a long tradition of support for the government information community, including through the W. David Rozkuszka Scholarship and the NewsBank/Readex/GODORT/ALA Catharine J. Reynolds Research Grant, the GODORT Preservation Grant expands our reach by providing direct support that will impact long-term access to government information. For many libraries, receiving even a modest sum to advance preservation activities can make a difference in access for the communities they serve.

Donations from ALA members, libraries, vendors and commercial partners, and other organizations and individuals are welcomed to support the establishment of the GODORT

Preservation Grant Program, and can be made at https://www.ala.org/godort/donate. Please include a “tribute” note indicating the donation is in support of the GODORT Preservation Grant. Inquiries about funding partnerships are also invited to contact the organization through the website.

The application form will be made available at https://www.ala.org/godort/awardscommittee.