

**Ramona Parlor #109**  
***Native Sons of the Golden West***  
**Announcement of a Grants Program**  
**2016**

Ramona Parlor #109 received its charter in 1887 by the Native Sons of the Golden West. The NSGW is a statewide organization dedicated to promoting and preserving California history. In the furtherance of its mission, the Parlor also owns and operates the Ramona Museum of California History; a free community museum located in the heart of the historic Mission District.

Ramona Parlor #109 has decided to provide grants to local non-profit historical societies with similar interests and commitment. The Parlor Partnership Grants are directed specifically to the advancement of knowledge and information regarding the history of the community in which the society is located. To be considered for a Parlor Partnership Grant, an organization must be located in Los Angeles County with annual expenditures not in excess of \$50,000. In addition, the organization must be able to present a record of regular meetings, membership activities, and the presentation of programs and/or activities for the community or surrounding area in which it is located.

It is anticipated that Ramona Parlor #109 will award four grants of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) each in the coming year. For projects involving expenditures in excess of that amount, organizations applying for grants should indicate the amount and source(s) of additional funds needed to complete the project. It is expected that all projects will be completed within eighteen months from the date the grant funds are received.

Parlor Partnership Grants may be used for the following: (1) Restoration and display of important artifacts; (2) Organization of archives; (3) Digitization of records; (4) Development of oral history; (5) Mounting of a special exhibit or event (one time or continuing). Professional fees, travel expenses, and entertainment are excluded.

Applications for this grants program will be available on the Ramona Parlor #109 website <http://www.ramonaparlor.org> on November 16, 2015 and are due not later than May 15, 2016. Notification to grant recipients will be made by September 1, 2016. A check presentation ceremony must be arranged at a general meeting of the recipient organization for the funds to be released.