

The National Archives and Records Administration's 6th National Action Plan for Open Government (2025–2027)

Since 2010, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has followed the Open Government Directive, which calls for agencies to create a plan to reflect the principles of transparency, participation, and collaboration. These principles are the foundation of effective government, driving innovation and efficiency, fostering trust, and ensuring programs meet the needs of the public. This plan, NARA's sixth Open Government Plan, contains 10 commitments and is the result of input received from both internal and external stakeholders and the public. By sharing information openly and soliciting input and feedback, we ensure that our work aligns with the highest standards of public service and accountability.

The work that the NARA has planned for our Agency Open Government Plan will also be submitted as our recommendations for the U.S. National Action Plan (NAP). As recommended by civil society organizations, NARA intends to publish periodic status updates of the initiatives set forth in this plan.

1. By FY 2026, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and the Office of the Chief Records Officer (CRO) will partner on new asynchronous training that covers the crucial intersection of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and records management. In addition to training, OGIS and CRO will partner on several public events on FOIA and records management.
2. By FY 2026, NARA's Microfilm Library will be fully digitized and available online, pending funding. Digitization of microfilm is the most efficient way to make large volumes of holdings available online. NARA not only has hundreds of thousands of rolls of NARA-created microfilm reproducing our most heavily used, historically significant, or fragile records, but we also have thousands of rolls of microfilm accessioned from federal agencies that are regularly accessed in onsite research rooms. The primary outcome of this strategy is that multiple, significant microfilm collections will be fully available and discoverable online. Investing in internal microfilm digitization efforts and the continued funding of existing microfilm digitization contracts will enable NARA to achieve our strategic objective to increase access through digitization.
3. In FY 2025, we will redesign NARA's flagship website, [archives.gov](https://www.archives.gov), using shared federal web design standards, agile methodologies, and a human-centered design approach. By focusing on a good user experience for our website, NARA supports the Open Government principle of transparency and invites public participation.
4. NARA will provide access to the social media records of the former Presidents by launching an emulation tool on the Presidential Library websites for Donald Trump in FY 2025 and Joseph Biden by FY 2027. The social media emulation tools will enable the public to browse and search through the accounts and posts created by each administration.

5. NARA will create easier and more consistent access to and discovery of the Presidential Daily Diaries from President Herbert Hoover to the present. NARA will also begin providing easier and consistent access to the Presidential Daily Diaries with each Presidential Library website redesign and migration starting with George H.W. Bush in FY 2025.
6. NARA will continue to transform access to Presidential records by providing search and browse capabilities to the full breadth of each Presidential Library's digital and descriptive collection in the National Archives Catalog:
 - a. In FY 2025, the George H.W. Bush Library website will draw from the National Archives Catalog Application Programming Interface (API) to provide search and browse of the library's digital and descriptive collection.
 - b. In FY 2026, pending funding, one additional Presidential Library and Museum website will draw from the National Archives Catalog API to provide search and browse of the library's digital and descriptive collection.
 - c. In FY 2027, pending funding, one additional Presidential Library and Museum website will draw from the National Archives Catalog API to provide search and browse of the library's digital and descriptive collection.
7. In FY 2026, pending funding, NARA will launch new finding aids that will draw from the National Archives Catalog and enable easier access to records and descriptions. Compiled records will be packaged into a user-friendly format.
8. In FY 2026, pending funding, NARA will expand exhibitions accessibility for visitors who are visually and hearing impaired, ensuring that all visitors are able to participate equitably in the experiences, programs, and resources that the National Archives offers. The expansion of in-gallery educational programming support for visitors who are visually and hearing impaired enables NARA to make the exhibition and education spaces more accessible to people who may otherwise not have an entry point to our resources and increases public outreach opportunities. The development and use of in-gallery tactile educational materials will incorporate design features to exhibits in order to support visual and hearing impaired accessibility.
9. The [National Archives Catalog](#) is the digital public access portal to the permanent records of the federal government. The Catalog describes over 95 percent of the records in NARA's vast holdings and provides access to digital copies of more than 290 million pages of our records. NARA plans to improve the Catalog over the course of the next three years:
 - In FY 2025 we will make 400 million digital copies of our records available to the public through the Catalog.
 - In FY 2026 we will make 500 million digital copies of our records available to the public through the Catalog.
 - In FY 2027 we will make 550 million digital copies of our records available to the public through the Catalog.
10. In FY 2025, NARA will launch the ArchieAI prototype, an AI-driven discovery

experience for the digital archives. This tool will identify topics, people, and places mentioned in the text of the records; create a semantic mapping to broader concepts and historical events; and uncover connections between records to retrieve them in relevant searches. Users can enter questions in natural language directly into the ArchieAI search box. The ArchiveAI prototype will use natural language processing to convert the question into a search query behind the scenes, use semantic search to retrieve the most relevant records, and provide an AI-generated summary of the top records with links to the source documents. NARA will continuously refine the ArchieAI prototype through a phased approach based on customer feedback, including micro-feedback and survey responses, to help users more easily find the records and information they are seeking.

NARA's Open Government Plan for 2025–2027 articulates the agency's continued focus on transparency as a central component of its operational framework. These initiatives are designed to align with NARA's broader strategic goals and compliance requirements. Follow any updates [on our website](#).