History Colorado is hiring a temporary contractor for an outreach project.

The Sam Howe Collection consists of 73 oversized crime ledgers (18,000+ pages from 1863-1934). Sam Howe – Denver’s first detective and one of the nation’s first crime statisticians – maintained the ledgers during his 47-year law enforcement career. The ledgers include handwritten indexes, newspaper clippings with handwritten notes, and murder case logs that document criminology and human behavior in Denver and the West. These ledgers provide unique state and national research opportunities as well as insight into the scholarship of race and ethnicity, socio-economic status, sex, age, and how they correlated with crime.

The ledgers are being digitized to preserve them and make them digitally accessible. This project involves developing a program to use the Sam Howe collections materials in college and university classrooms.

- research and connect to appropriate courses and university/college partners where the Sam Howe material would be relevant (Criminology, History, etc.)
- create research themes and associated collection lists
- develop, schedule, and deliver (if scheduling allows) appropriate programs, activities, and collections uses for requested courses (collections as research topics, primary source discovery, examples of museum practice, etc.)

Qualifications:
- Bachelor’s degree in museum studies, history, art history, anthropology, or related field
- Demonstrated experience researching and/or using museum or archive collections
- Demonstrated experience with primary source research
- Must be organized, detail-oriented, and comfortable in communicating
- Demonstrated experience in team-work and independent work
- Must successfully pass a background check

To Apply:
Send letter of interest, resume, and 3 references to melissa.debie@state.co.us. No calls please. Deadline is 3/22/24. (Funding provided by the SIPA Innovation Fund.)