



NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests: 2022-2024 IMLS National Leadership Grants for Museums and IMLS Museums for America Program Notices of Funding Opportunity

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments, collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. By this Notice, IMLS is soliciting comments concerning a plan to offer two grant programs targeting the needs of museums nationwide: IMLS National Leadership Grants for Museums and IMLS Museums for America Program. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before March 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Connie Bodner, Ph.D., Director of Grants Policy and Management, Office of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Bodner

can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4636, or by email at cbodner@imls.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Wechsler, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist, Office of Museum Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington DC 20024-2135. Ms. Wechsler can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4779, or by email at hwechsler@imls.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IMLS is particularly interested in public comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of Federal support for the Nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

II. Current Actions

The goal of IMLS National Leadership Grants for Museums is to support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve services for the American public.

The goal of IMLS Museums for America is to support projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. It has three project categories: Lifelong Learning, Community Engagement, and Collections Stewardship and Access.

This action is to renew the content, forms, and instructions for each of the two Notices of Funding Opportunity for the next three years.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: 2022-2024 IMLS National Leadership Grants for Museums and IMLS Museums for America Program Notices of Funding Opportunity.

OMB Number: 3137-0094.

Frequency: Once per year.

Affected Public: Museum organization applicants.

Number of Respondents: TBD.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: TBD.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: TBD.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: n/a.

Total Annual costs: TBD.

Public Comments Invited: Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Dated: January 4, 2021.

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Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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