



NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests: Native American Library Services

Enhancement Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on 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. The purpose of this Notice is to communicate our intent to request renewal of the clearance for IMLS's Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants, a discretionary grant program designed to assist Native American libraries in improving core library services for their communities. 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 October 20, 2023.

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: 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.

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact IMLS at 202-207-7858 via 711 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Himmelreich, Senior Program Officer, Office of Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington DC 20024-2135. Ms. Himmelreich can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4797, or by email at *jhimmelreich@imls.gov*. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact IMLS at 202-207-7858 via 711 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

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. To learn more, visit www.ims.gov.

II. Current Actions

The purpose of the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Program is to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities. IMLS recognizes that information needs and approaches to meeting them are evolving at an unprecedented pace in all communities, and to operate within this environment effectively for the benefit of their users, libraries must be able to both strengthen existing services and move quickly to adopt new and emerging technologies.

The three goals for this program will be to improve digital services to support needs for education, workforce development, economic and business development, health information, critical thinking skills, and digital literacy skills; to improve educational programs related to specific topics and content areas of interest to library patrons and community-based users; and to enhance the preservation and revitalization of Native American cultures and languages.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity.

OMB Control Number: 3137-NEW.

Agency Number: 3137-0110.

Respondents/Affected Public: Federally Recognized Indian Tribes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: TBD.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes/Hours per Response: TBD.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: TBD.

Cost Burden (dollars): 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: August 16, 2023.

Suzanne Mbollo,

Grants Management Specialist,

Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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