



NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests: 2025-2027 IMLS Museums

Empowered 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. By this Notice, IMLS is soliciting comments concerning the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Museums Empowered, a special initiative of the Museums for America grant program designed to support projects that use the transformative power of professional development and training to generate systemic change within museums of all types and sizes.

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 May 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Sandra Narva, Senior Grants Management Specialist - Team Lead, Office of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Ms. Narva can be reached by telephone: 202-653-4634, or by email at snarva@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: Mark Isaksen, 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. Mr. Isaksen can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4667, or by email at misaksen@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

IMLS 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 goal of Museums Empowered is to strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public through professional development activities that cross-cut various departments to generate systemic change within the museum. It has four project categories: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Digital Technology; Evaluation; and Organizational Management.

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

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: 2025-2027 IMLS Museums Empowered Notice of Funding Opportunity.

OMB Number: 3137-0107.

Respondents/Affected Public: Museums that meet the IMLS Museums for America institutional eligibility criteria.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 65.

Frequency of Response: Once per year.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response: 45.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,925.

Total Annual Cost Burden: \$94,917.

Total Annual Federal Costs: \$10,087.

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: March 15, 2024.

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Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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