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# Grant Opportunities from IMLS Addison Public Library Addison, Illinois



# About IMLS

## Institute of Museum and Library Services

### Who are we?

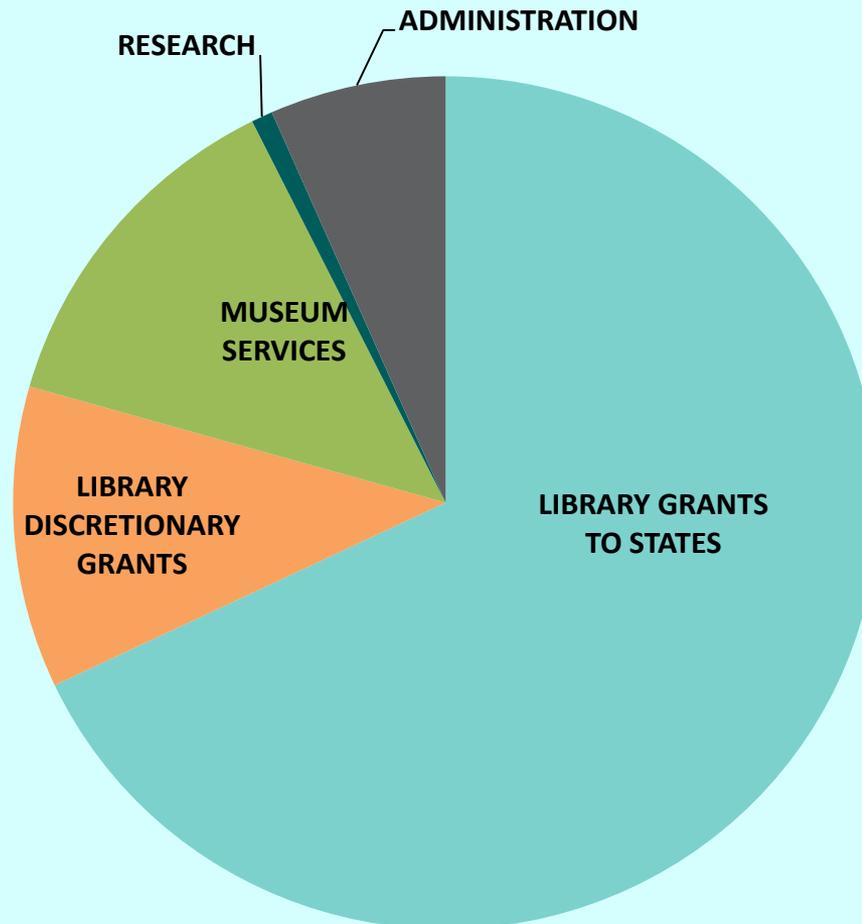
IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums.

### What do we do?

We make **grants**, **convene groups**, **conduct research**, and **publish** in order to build the capacity of museums and libraries to serve the public.



# Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations



**Enacted FY2015 budget**  
**\$227,860,000**

# Library Grants to States

## Library Services and Technology Act

- Largest IMLS grant program
- Provides \$5,451,043 in grants to support library services throughout Illinois in FY2015
- To learn more, contact:
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  - Director, Illinois State Library
  - T: 271.782.2994
  - E: [acraig@ilsos.net](mailto:acraig@ilsos.net)



Visit [http://www.ims.gov/programs/state\\_profile\\_Illinois.aspx](http://www.ims.gov/programs/state_profile_Illinois.aspx)

# Museum and Library Grants: Who is eligible to apply?



Generally, a non-profit **museum** or **library** located in the United States, its territories, or a freely associated state

*Check specific program guidelines on the IMLS website for more details. Additional types of organizations are eligible for some programs.*

## “Museums” include:

- aquariums
- arboretums
- art museums
- botanical gardens
- children’s/youth museums
- historic houses/sites
- history museums
- natural history/anthropology museums
- nature centers
- planetariums
- science/technology centers
- specialized museums
- zoological parks

# Museum and Library Grants: Who is ineligible to apply?



- A for-profit organization
- An individual
- A federally funded institution
- A foreign country or organization

## **Please note:**

*If you are a non-eligible institution, we encourage you to apply through a partnership with an eligible institution.*

# Museum Grant Programs

## Museums for America

<b>Program Goals</b>	Support high-priority activities that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public	
<b>Deadline</b>	December 1, 2015	
<b>Amount</b>	\$5,000-\$25,000	\$25,001-\$150,000
<b>Cost Share</b>	None permitted	1:1 required



# Museum Grant Programs

## National Leadership Grants for Museums

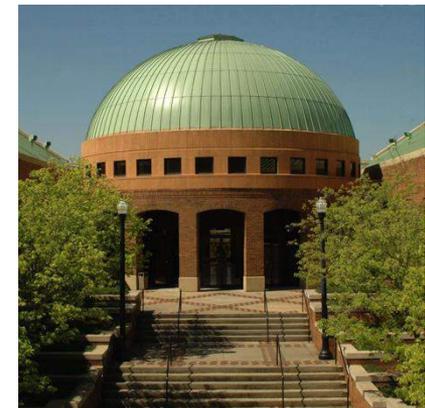
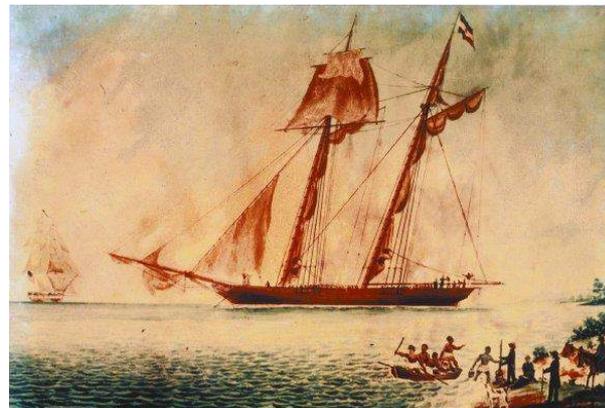
<b>Program Goals</b>	Support projects that address challenges or needs of the museum field, have broad impact, and demonstrate innovation and collaboration
<b>Deadline</b>	December 1, 2015
<b>Amount</b>	\$50,000-\$500,000
<b>Cost Share</b>	1:1 required for non-research projects



# Museum Grant Programs

## Museum Grants for African American History and Culture

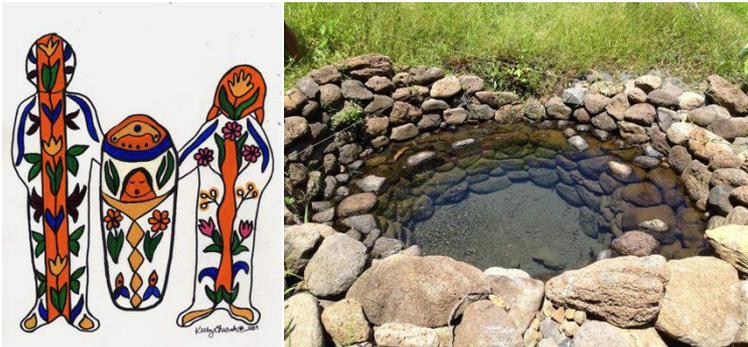
<b>Program Goals</b>	To improve the operations, care of collections, and development of professional management at African American museums	
<b>Deadline</b>	December 1, 2015	
<b>Amount</b>	\$5,000-\$25,000	\$25,001-\$150,000
<b>Cost Share</b>	None permitted	1:1 required



# Museum Grant Programs

## Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services

<b>Program Goals</b>	To enhance museum services in order to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge among Indian tribes and organizations serving Native Hawaiians
<b>Deadline</b>	December 1, 2015
<b>Amount</b>	\$5,000-\$50,000
<b>Cost Share</b>	None required



# Museum Grant Programs

## Sparks! Ignition Grants for Museums

<b>Program Goals</b>	To provide opportunities to expand and test the boundaries of museum services and practices
<b>Deadline</b>	December 1, 2015
<b>Amount</b>	\$10,000-\$25,000
<b>Cost Share</b>	None required



# Museum Technical Assistance Programs

## Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)

**Goal:** To provide a general conservation assessment of a museum's collection, environmental conditions, and site

**Application deadline:** TBD

Please watch [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov) for further details.



## Museum Assessment Program (MAP)

**Goal:** To help small and mid-sized museums strengthen operations, plan for the future, and meet national standards through self-study and a site visit from a peer reviewer

**Application deadlines:** December 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016

**Administered by:** American Alliance of Museums

**Contact:** [map@aam-us.org](mailto:map@aam-us.org)  
202.289.9118

# Library Grant Programs

## Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program

<b>Program Goals</b>	To support recruitment and education of the next generation of librarians, faculty, and library leaders; to support early career research; to assist in professional development of librarians and library staff
<b>Deadlines</b>	Preliminary: Fall, 2015 Full: Winter, 2016
<b>Amount</b>	\$50,000-\$500,000
<b>Cost Share</b>	Cost share requirements vary with project type



# Library Grant Programs

## National Leadership Grants for Libraries

<b>Program Goals</b>	To support projects that address challenges faced by and that have the potential to advance practice in the library/archive fields
<b>Deadlines</b>	Preliminary: Fall, 2015 Full: Winter, 2016
<b>Amount</b>	\$10,000-\$2,000,000
<b>Cost Share</b>	Cost share requirements vary with project type
<b>Priorities</b>	National Digital Platform Learning Spaces in Libraries



# Library Grant Programs

## Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries

<b>Program Goals</b>	To encourage libraries and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in operations and service
<b>Deadline</b>	February, 2016
<b>Amount</b>	\$10,000-\$25,000
<b>Cost Share</b>	None required



# Native American Library Services

## Basic Grants with Education/Assessment Option

**Goal:** To support existing library operations and maintain core library services; to support continuing education among staff

**Application deadline:**

April, 2016

**Funding:** \$6,000/\$7,000

## Enhancement Grants

**Goal:** To expand services for learning, access to information, and partnerships

**Application deadline:**

March, 2016

**Funding:** up to \$150,000



# Native Hawaiian Library Services

**Goal:** To enhance library services in organizations that serve Native Hawaiians

**Application deadline:**

April, 2016

**Funding:** \$10,000-\$150,000



# Special Resources from IMLS

IMLS website: [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov)

The screenshot shows the IMLS website homepage. At the top left is the IMLS logo. A navigation menu includes links for Home, Press Room, FOIA, Contact Us, Grant Applicants, Grant Reviewers, Grant Recipients, State Programs, Research, Resources, News, and About Us. A site search bar is located at the top right. Below the navigation is a main content area with several sections: 'A Nation of Learners' with a photo of people and a description of IMLS's mission; 'Project Profile' featuring 'Creative Aging Engages Seniors through Art' with a photo of a group of people; 'New! IMLS Data Catalog' with a description of the catalog's contents; and 'Share Your Story on the IMLS Facebook page!' with a Facebook icon. On the right side, there are three search bars: 'grant search' for finding available grants, 'Search Awarded Grants' for searching the archive, and 'news' for finding recent news items. At the bottom right, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and RSS, and a 'subscribe' section for email newsletters.

- Grant program descriptions
- Program Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)
- Eligibility criteria
- Application process details
- Sample Applications
- Search Awarded Grants
- Peer-reviewer resources

# Special Resources from IMLS



Live and recorded **webinars** for applicants to each grant program

**Publications** about museum- and library-relevant research and initiatives



**Podcasts** about projects, awards, and initiatives

**Blogs** by grantees, constituents, and staff

**UpNext**

The Official Blog of  
the Institute of Museum  
and Library Services



# Preparing to Apply

- Check your registrations: DUNS, SAM.gov, and Grants.gov.
- Select a grant program.
- Verify that you meet the eligibility requirements.
- Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- Participate in free IMLS webinars.
- Talk with a program staff member.

# Peer Reviewers Want to See ...

- Project goals that align with those of the grant program
- Applications prepared according to the instructions
- Projects that address documented key needs or challenges
- Evidence of a thorough understanding of current practice and knowledge about the subject matter



# Peer Reviewers Want to See ...

- A work plan that consists of a set of logical, interrelated activities tied directly to addressing the key need or challenge
- Budget elements that connect to project activities, are reasonable, and supported
- Evidence that the project will generate measurable results that tie directly to the need or challenge

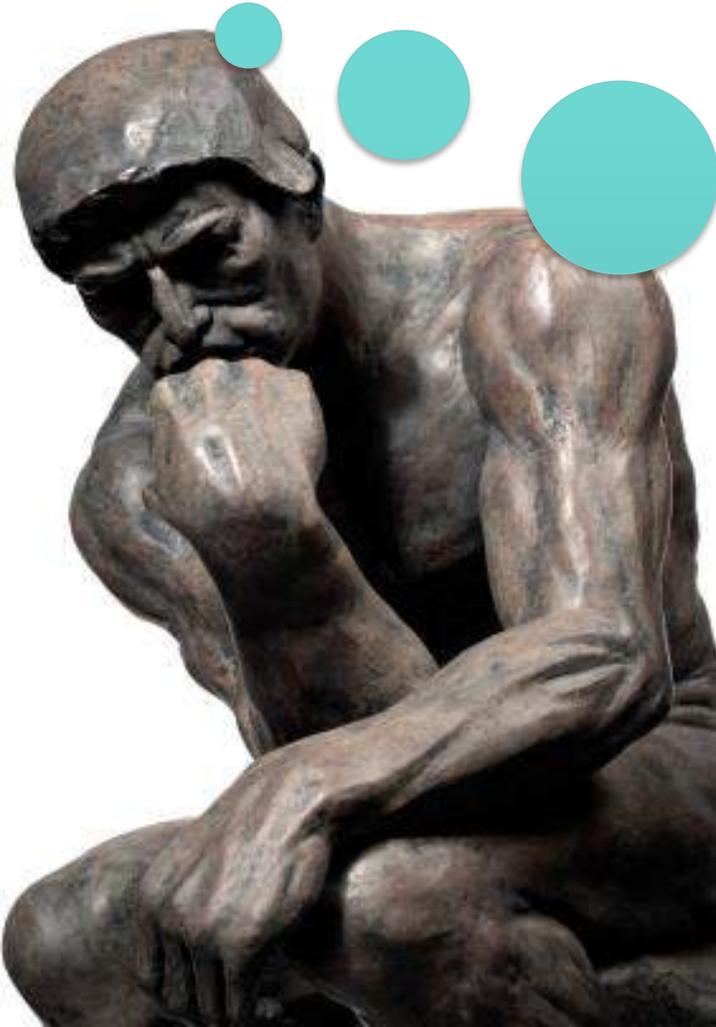


# Peer Reviewers DON'T Want to See ...

- Poor fit of the project to the grant program goals
- Untested project design
- Underdeveloped evaluation component
- Inconsistency among application components
- Crucial information missing or incomplete
- Unsupported generalizations, claims
- Copy-and-paste redundancies
- Unsupported costs in the budget
- Bad spelling, poor grammar, bad math



# How to Get There



- Start early.
- Do your background research.
- Revisit the grant NOFO frequently.
- Remember the people you serve.
- Be sure your application is complete.
- Ask a colleague to review your application before you submit it.
- Submit to Grants.gov **early** so you can correct any errors.

# Contact Us

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Thank you and good luck!

