



Guide to IMLS Museum Funding Programs and Opportunities Fiscal Year 2017

How to Apply

Visit our website, www.imls.gov. Explore program descriptions, sample applications, and resources to help you develop a competitive application to the program that best fits your project.

Read the guidelines. Guidelines (or Notices of Funding Opportunities) become available on our website 60 to 90 days before the program deadlines. Read them carefully, and be sure to check the eligibility and cost share requirements.

Check your registrations. Make sure you have a Dun & Bradstreet D-U-N-S® Number; a current and active System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration, and an up-to-date registration with Grants.gov.

Connect with us. Pre-application webinars help you learn more about programs and application how-to's. Conversations with Office of Museum Services program staff can help you to explore how your idea may match the goals of a grant program.

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Grant Programs

Deadline	Program	Award Amount	Description
1 December 2016	Museums for America	\$5,000-\$25,000	Grants at two different funding levels support activities that strengthen museums as active resources for lifelong learning, vital components of livable communities, and good stewards of the nation's collections.
		\$25,001-\$500,000	
1 December 2016	National Leadership Grants for Museums	\$50,000-\$1,000,000 (non-research)	Grants 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.
		\$50,000-\$1,000,000 (research)	
		\$5,000-\$50,000 (rapid prototyping)	
1 December 2016	Museum Grants for African American History and Culture	\$5,000-\$25,000	Grants at two different funding levels strengthen African American museums by improving care of collections, developing professional management, or providing internship and fellowship opportunities.
		\$25,001-\$150,000	
1 December 2016	Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program	\$5,000-\$50,000	Grants to federally recognized tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations enhance museum services to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge.

Technical Assistance Programs

Deadline	Program	Description
1 February 2017 (est.)	Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP), administered by the Foundation for American Institute of Conservation	Program provides support and expertise to the staff of collection institutions, to help create and implement sustainable programs for the best possible care of their collections.
1 July and 1 December 2016	Museum Assessment Program (MAP), administered by the American Alliance of Museums	Program helps museums strengthen operations, plan for the future, and meet national standards through self-study and a site visit from a peer reviewer.

Award Programs

Deadline	Program	Description
3 October 2016	National Medal for Museum and Library Service	Awards celebrate outstanding museums and libraries that make extraordinary contributions to their communities.
February 2017	National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards, a partnership with the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities	Awards acknowledge museums and libraries for afterschool and out-of-school arts and humanities youth programming.