

SPECIMENS FROM FEDERAL LANDS

**ADBC
WORKFLOWS**

ADBC FUNDING RULES

- It is estimated that U.S. collections contain one billion specimens, but only 10% of these are accessible online.
- Goals (determined through NIBA): ten-year strategic plan to digitize, image and mobilize biological collections data.

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- Thematic Collections Network (TCN) proposals will be submissions for two-to-four year awards to digitize existing specimens based on a particular research theme...
- Partners to Existing Networks (PEN) proposals - The new partners must increase the number of specimens digitized in the ongoing project and fill gaps not addressed by the specimens in the existing TCN.

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- Collaboration with federally held collections is encouraged, but digitization of federally held and owned collections cannot be supported with NSF funds. However, specimens owned by federal institutions may be pertinent for a research theme and in those cases integration of the existing data from all specimens should be considered.
- Now what?

FIRST THINK ABOUT NEEDS

- What are the key questions to be addressed and collections that need to be digitized?
- What are the big expenses that will be needed?
 - Equipment?
 - People?
 - Support Costs/Infrastructure?
- Look at these as components that can be handled separately!

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OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- IMLS – Institute of Museum and Library Sciences
- Foundations, Historical Societies and Others
- Institutional Resources

- Student Opportunity Programs
- Volunteer Program

- Bigger should help smaller!
 - Send people
 - Mobile Digitization Units

CLEARLY ARTICULATE YOUR PLAN

- **Must include all of the key collections!**
- **Must have a clear plan for those federal specimens and other collections (you can say that they'll PEN in later, but must explain why they can't do it now).**
- **They are looking for the most specimens/dollar!**