Guide to IMLS

Museum Funding Programs and Opportunities

Fiscal Year 2019

How to Apply for a Grant

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

Read the Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). NOFOs become available on our website 60 to 90 days before the program deadlines. Read them carefully, and be sure to check the eligibility requirements. The FY2018 versions will remain available for reference until the FY2019 NOFOs are posted.

Check your registrations. Submitting a grant application to IMLS is a multistep process that begins with a series of registrations. You must have a Dun & Bradstreet D-U-N-S® Number; a current and active System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration, which must be renewed annually; and an up-to-date registration with Grants.gov. These processes take time. Ensure that your registrations are active and correct well before the application deadline.

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

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## FY 2019 Museum Funding Programs and Opportunities

### Grant Programs

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<td>1 November 2018</td>
<td>Museum Grants for African American History and Culture</td>
<td>$5,000-$50,000</td>
<td>Grants at two different funding levels support activities that build the capacity of African American museums and support the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums.</td>
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<td>1 November 2018</td>
<td>Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program</td>
<td>$5,000-$100,000</td>
<td>Grants to federally recognized tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations enhance museum services to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge.</td>
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<td>INSPIRE! Grants for Small Museums</td>
<td>$5,000-$50,000</td>
<td>Grants support projects that strengthen the ability of small museums to serve their communities.</td>
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<td>14 December 2018</td>
<td>Museums for America</td>
<td>$5,000-$250,000</td>
<td>Grants support activities that strengthen museums as active resources for lifelong learning, vital components of livable communities, and good stewards of the nation’s collections.</td>
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<td>Museums Empowered</td>
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<td>Grants support activities for professional development and capacity building in individual museums.</td>
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<td>National Leadership Grants for Museums</td>
<td>$5,000-$50,000 (rapid prototyping)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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All grant programs are subject to the availability of funds and IMLS discretion. Deadlines are tentative. Additional funding opportunities may become available throughout the year. Please visit imls.gov for updates.

### Other Opportunities

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<td>National Medal for Museum and Library Service</td>
<td>Awards celebrate outstanding museums and libraries that make extraordinary contributions to their communities.</td>
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<td>1 February 2019</td>
<td>Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP), administered by the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works</td>
<td>Program provides small and mid-sized museums with partial funding toward an assessment of their policies and procedures relating to collections care and a study of their collections, buildings, and building systems.</td>
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Please consult the IMLS website for updates regarding the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) in 2019.