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IMLS Grants Opportunities for Libraries and Archives

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Overview

- Library, Archives, & Museum Funding Opportunities

- New

  - Project Type: "CCI"

  - More User-Friendly NOFOs

- Technical Assistance

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IMLS Library Programs Overview

Annually, September

- National Leadership Grants for Libraries

- Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Annually, Spring

- Native American Library Services
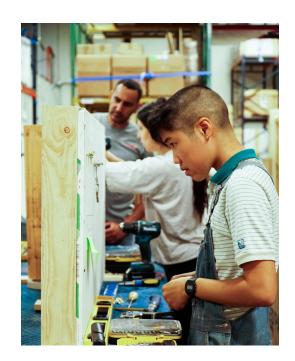
- Native Hawaiian Library Services

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National Leadership Grants for Museums (NLG-M), for example

Grants support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession to strengthen museum services for the American public.

National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG)

- Projects of far-reaching impact

- Address critical needs for the library and archives fields

- Enhance quality of library and archival services for the American public

- Projects might make new models, tools, research findings, services, and partnerships findings that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated.

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21)

- Build a diverse library and archival workforce to meet the information needs of communities

- Increase the institutional capacity of libraries, archives, and library and information science graduate programs.

LEADING team members present at the Digital Library Federation annual meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2023.

Successful Library Discretionary Grants

California AI and Libraries Summit, Sacramento, California, April 2024.

- Far-reaching impact*
- Current significance
- Strategic collaborations
- Demonstrated expertise

What's New?

Project Types

- **Planning:** Preliminary, exploratory activities

- **Forum:** Convening experts, stakeholders

- **Community-Centered Implementation:** adapt existing model to community need (*not expected to have far-reaching impact)

- **National Implementation:** Full-scale project, development

- **Early Career Research (LB21 only):** Early tenure-track faculty development

- **Applied Research:** Investigate questions important to library or archival practice

Project Type Limits

Category	Duration	Funding amount
Planning	1 to 2 years	$50,000 - $150,000
Forum	1 to 2 years	$50,000 - $150,000
Community-Centered Implementation	**1 to 2 years**	**$25,000 - $100,000**
National Implementation	1 to 3 years	$50,000 - $1,000,000 (1:1 cost share if over $249,999)
Early Career Research (LB21 only)	1 to 3 years	$50,000 - $750,000
Applied Research	1 to 3 years	$50,000 - $750,000

NOFOs are More User-Friendly

FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity
Phase I Preliminary Applications Due September 20, 2024
Phase II Invited Full Applications Due March 10, 2025

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Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Funding Opportunity Number: LB21-FY25
Assistance Listing Number: 45.313

NLG/LB21
Technical Assistance

Two Phased Application Process

- Preliminary Proposal with a 2-page narrative including a budget summary are due in the fall

- The 2-page narrative is peer reviewed

- Invited proposals will submit a full application package in the spring

- The full application is peer reviewed

- Funding decisions are announced in the summer

Draft Narratives

LEADING forum attendees, RE-246450-OLS-20, Photo courtesy of "Metadata Research Center, College of Computing and Informatics, Drexel University"

- Submit a narrative draft to a Program Officer by **the draft review deadline** and schedule a phone or video call.

- Program Officers can only read one draft submission for each proposal and are only able to provide feedback verbally.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again...

- ...as long as you're open to revising and improving each time based on the reviewer comments(!)
- Some proposals are funded on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd try
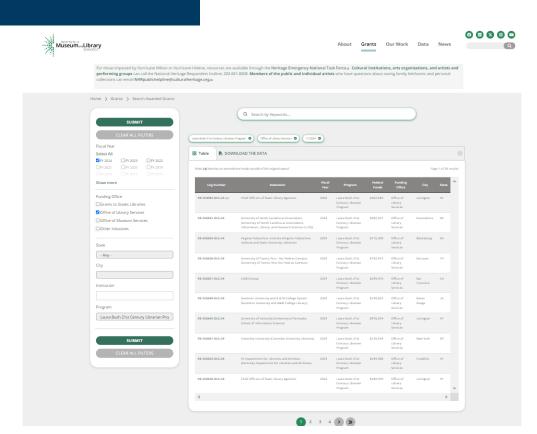- But, also be willing to understand when the proposal is NOT a good fit

Photo Courtesy of NCSU: Tangible Landscapes Coffee and Viz Event, October 29, 2019

Awarded Grants Search

The application narratives of all awarded grants are publicly available on our website.

Peer Review

The IMLS Office of Library Services manages competitive awards in three program areas: Librarians for the 21st Century, and Native American/Native Hawaiian Library Services, and National Leadership Grants for Libraries. If you would like to be in our database of potential reviewers, please provide us with your information on the library reviewer form:

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