



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



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.



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Log Number	Institution	Fiscal Year	Program	Federal Funds	Funding Office	City	State
88-25492-OLS-23 (a)	Chief Officers of State Library Agencies	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$202,640	Office of Library Services	Lexington	KY
88-25641-OLS-24	University of North Carolina at Greensboro (University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Information, Library, and Research Sciences (ILRS))	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$32,201	Office of Library Services	Greensboro	NC
88-25635-OLS-24	Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Libraries)	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$115,398	Office of Library Services	Blacksburg	VA
88-25628-OLS-24	University of Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras Campus (University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras Campus)	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$142,419	Office of Library Services	San Juan	PR
88-25651-OLS-24	Callie Group	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$249,410	Office of Library Services	San Francisco	CA
88-25648-OLS-24	Southern University and A & M College System (Southern University and A&M College Library)	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$149,603	Office of Library Services	Baton Rouge	LA
88-25642-OLS-24	University of Kentucky (University of Kentucky School of Information Science)	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$410,294	Office of Library Services	Lexington	KY
88-25657-OLS-24	Columbia University (Columbia University Libraries)	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$130,334	Office of Library Services	New York	NY
88-25632-OLS-24	NY Department for Libraries and Archives (New York State Department for Libraries and Archives)	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$249,388	Office of Library Services	Herkimer	NY
88-25629-OLS-24	Chief Officers of State Library Agencies	2024	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	\$249,999	Office of Library Services	Lexington	KY

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Peer Review



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