

# 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](http://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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### Grant Programs

Deadline	Program	Award Amount	Description
1 November 2018	Museum Grants for African American History and Culture	\$5,000-\$50,000	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.
		\$50,001-\$250,000	
1 November 2018	Native American/ Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program	\$5,000-\$100,000	Grants to federally recognized tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations enhance museum services to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge.
1 November 2018	INSPIRE! Grants for Small Museums	\$5,000-\$50,000	Grants support projects that strengthen the ability of small museums to serve their communities.
14 December 2018	Museums for America	\$5,000-\$250,000	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.
14 December 2018	Museums Empowered	\$5,000-\$250,000	Grants support activities for professional development and capacity building in individual museums.
14 December 2018	National Leadership Grants for Museums	\$5,000-\$50,000 (rapid prototyping)	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 (non-research)	
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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](http://imls.gov) for updates.*

### Other Opportunities

Deadline	Program	Description
1 October 2018	National Medal for Museum and Library Service	Awards celebrate outstanding museums and libraries that make extraordinary contributions to their communities.
1 February 2019	Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP), administered by the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works	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.

*Please consult the IMLS website for updates regarding the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) in 2019.*