Guide to IMLS
Museum Funding Programs and Opportunities
Fiscal Year 2022

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 FY2021 versions will remain available for reference until the FY2022 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 an 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

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<td>November 15, 2021</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>November 15, 2021</td>
<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 community.</td>
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<td>November 15, 2021</td>
<td>Museums Empowered</td>
<td>$5,000-$250,000</td>
<td>Grants support activities for professional development and capacity building in individual museums.</td>
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<td>November 15, 2021</td>
<td>National Leadership Grants for Museums</td>
<td>$5,000-$50,000 (rapid prototyping)</td>
<td>$50,000-$750,000 (non-research)</td>
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<td>November 15, 2021</td>
<td>Museum Grants for African American History and Culture</td>
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<td>Native American/ Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program</td>
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<td>Grants to federally recognized tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations enhance museum services to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge.</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 www.imls.gov for updates.

# Other Opportunities

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<td>Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP), administered by the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC)</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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<td>Check AAM website</td>
<td>Museum Assessment Program, administered by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM)</td>
<td>Program helps small and mid-sized museum of all types strengthen operation, plan for the future, and meet professional standards through a variety of assessment types.</td>
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