

# IMLS FY17 Grants Update



# IMLS

## **What is IMLS?**

IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums.

## **What do we do?**

We make grants, convene groups, conduct research, and publish in order to build the capacity of museums and libraries to serve the public.

# FY17 grant opportunities

- September 1, 2016 application deadline for **National Leadership Grants for Libraries and Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program**
- Two-page preliminary proposal required
  - Overview of project, statement of need, impact, etc.
  - Brief budget paragraph breaking down cost categories
- Selected applicants invited to submit full proposals, due in January 2017
- Additional preliminary proposal application deadline in February 2017

# National Leadership Grants for Libraries

National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) support projects that address **significant challenges and opportunities** facing the library and archive fields and that have the potential to **advance theory and practice**.

Characteristics of successful proposals may include:

- National impact
- Current significance
- Strategic collaborations
- Demonstrated expertise

**Application deadline: September 1, 2016**  
**See [IMLS.gov](http://IMLS.gov) for more details**

# Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program

The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports professional development, graduate education, and continuing education to help libraries and archives **develop a diverse workforce** of librarians to better meet the **changing learning and information needs** of the American public.

Characteristics of successful proposals may include:

- Broad impact
- Collaboration
- Advancement of library practice

**Application deadline: September 1, 2016**  
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# FY17 project categories

New project categories for LB21 and NLG:

- Community Anchors
- **National Digital Platform**
- **Curating Collections**

# National Digital Platform

We are interested in projects that create, develop, and expand the open source software applications used by libraries and archives to provide digital content and services to all users in the United States.

# Curating Collections

We are interested in projects that can have a significant national impact on shared services for the preservation and management of digital library collections and content across the country.

Projects focused on preserving or providing access to a particular collection or set of collections cannot be supported. Similarly, the program cannot support the digitization of content or pre-digitization activities such as inventorying collections.



# Funding levels

<b>Funding category</b>	<b>NLG</b>	<b>LB21</b>
<b>Sparks Grants</b>	Up to \$25,000	N/A
<b>Planning Grants</b>	Up to \$50,000	Up to \$50,000
<b>National Forum Grants</b>	Up to \$100,000	Up to \$100,000
<b>Project Grants</b>	Up to \$2,000,000	\$50,000 - \$1,000,000
<b>Research Grants</b>	Up to \$2,000,000	Up to \$500,000

*See the NLG and LB21 NOFOs for cost share requirements.*

# Sample project: National Forum Grant

Award amount: \$99,131

Recipient: Cal Poly Corporation

Program: National Leadership Grants for Libraries

*California Polytechnic State University, in partnership with the University of Texas at Austin, will run a one-year planning and research project that will culminate in a forum on software preservation in support of cultural heritage organizations missions. The forum will solicit community input and build consensus around future steps for a national strategy for software preservation.*

# Sample project: Project Grant

Award amount: \$450,126

Recipient: WGBH Educational Foundation

Program: Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program

*WGBH, with the American Archive of Public Broadcasting (AAPB), a collaboration between the WGBH Education Foundation and the Library of Congress, will develop a National Digital Stewardship Residency (NDSR) project to train residents and develop curriculum for the preservation of audiovisual materials. The AAPB NDSR project will place residents at diverse geographic public television and radio stations across the country .*

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