

Justification for Change

Museums Empowered: Professional Development and Capacity Building Opportunities for Museums – A Museums for America Special Initiative, Notice of Funding Opportunity OMB Control Number 3137-0107

IMLS is requesting a non-substantive change to a previously approved clearance in order to change the program, Museums Empowered: Professional Development and Capacity Building Opportunities for Museums – A Museums for America Special Initiative grants. This new grant is requesting the same expiration date of 02/29/2020.

Previous request abstract:

By separate request, IMLS received approval for the new **Museums Empowered: Professional Development and Capacity Building Opportunities for Museums – A Museums for America Special Initiative** submitted a request for this new Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Justification for the Museums Empowered: Professional Development and Capacity Building Opportunities for Museums – A Museums for America Special Initiative Grants Program

Museums for America (MFA) grants support projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. Museums Empowered: Professional Development and Capacity Building Opportunities for Museums is a special MFA initiative to provide professional development and capacity building opportunities for eligible museums.

To support and empower museums of all sizes and disciplines in responding to the evolving needs of the museum profession and changes in their communities, this MFA special initiative has four areas of focus for professional development and capacity building:

- Digital Technology
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Evaluation
- Organizational Management

Projects will address one of these four priority areas and help strengthen the capability of an individual museum to better serve its public. Projects will utilize comprehensive strategies and frameworks to support professional development and capacity building. Projects should cross-cut various departments and result in systemic change within the institutions.

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is requesting a deadline date change to move the deadline from April 3, 2017 to May 1, 2017 to extend the application submission period. No other changes have been made.

The respondent burden should remain the same.