

### **Justification for Change**

3137-0095 African American History & Culture, Sparks – Museums, and Native American Native Hawaiian – Museums Notice of Funding Opportunity

IMLS is requesting a change to a previously approved clearance in order to change the verbiage for the grant programs African American History and Culture (AAHC) and Native American Native Hawaiian – Museums (NANH-M). This verbiage change for both AAHC and NANH-M is requesting the same expiration date of 07/31/2018.

### **Request abstract:**

The information collections in this package include the guidelines and instructions to apply for IMLS support in the following grant programs: Museum Grants for African American History and Culture, and Native American/Native Hawaiian - Museum Services Program.

### **Justification for Museum Grants for African American History and Culture**

Museum Grants for African American History and Culture support projects that improve the operations, care of collections, and development of professional management at African American museums.

IMLS has continued to bring its Notice of Funding Opportunity templates into close conformity with the standards set forth in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 C.F.R. part 200, in particular Appendix I – Full Text of Funding Opportunity). The attached draft reflects those efforts.

The attached draft also contains a few minor language clarifications to reduce applicant confusion in several sections of the NOFO; removes a few errors introduced during the agency standardization of NOFOs; and responds to requests from both internal staff, as well as the applicant community, to better align the AAHC grant program language with other museum grant programs.

### **Justification for Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services**

Native American Native Hawaiian Museum Services (NANH-M) grants support Indian tribes and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians. They are intended to provide opportunities to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge through strengthened activities in areas such as exhibitions, educational services and programming, professional development, and collections stewardship.

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The attached draft also contains a few minor language clarifications to reduce applicant confusion in several sections of the NOFO; removes a few errors introduced during the agency standardization of NOFOs; and responds to requests from both internal staff, as well as the applicant community, to better align the NANH grant program language with other museum grant programs.

The respondent burden for both should remain the same.