

**Justification for Change**

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**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program and National Leadership Grants for Libraries program**

IMLS is requesting a change to a previously approved clearance in order to change the Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program and National Leadership Grants for Libraries program. This updated grant program clearance 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 Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program and the National Leadership Grants for Libraries program.

**Justification for the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program and National Leadership Grants for Libraries**

In FY2015, the agency moved to two funding deadlines per fiscal year for the National Leadership Grants for Libraries program and the Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian (LB21) grant program. This submission is the first NOFO of this year and contains only deadlines for the first cycle of deadlines. The changes in the NOFOs reflect updated program and regulatory language for FY18, the data collection requirements have not changed. . This request reflects the new set of deadlines for preliminary proposals and full proposals (if invited), new dates for notification of grant awards and new possible grant start dates, as well as adjusted Funding Opportunity Numbers to reflect the first cycle of FY18.

The respondent burden should remain the same.