

Justification for Change

3137-0029 General Clearance Grant Application and Post-Award Processes

IMLS has submitted a request to separate the National Leadership Grants for Libraries and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant program from the General Clearance Grant Application and Post-Award Processes OMB ICR # 201606-3137-002. This request is to remove these two grant programs from 3137-0029 once a new separate clearance number has been approved. All other information collection items within 3137-0029 will remain the same.

Request abstract:

The information collections in this package include the guidelines and instructions to apply for IMLS support in the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program and the National Leadership Grants for Libraries program.

Justification for the Removal of National Leadership Grants for Libraries and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program from 3137-0029

National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG-L) support projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Successful proposals will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment.

The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports professional development, graduate education, and continuing education to help libraries and archives develop the human capital capacity they need to meet the changing learning and information needs of the American public.

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). IMLS in turn has determined that managing these documents under one information collection is not conducive to the current processes in for changes and updates.

The respondent burden should remain the same for those that remain in the original information collection.