

**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. Because the first NOFO of each year contains only deadlines for the first cycle of deadlines, IMLS must submit a NOFO correction for each program midway through each year to change the dates for the second submission cycle. 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 second cycle of FY2017.

The respondent burden should remain the same.