

## **Justification for Change**

3137-0107 Museums Empowered – Notice of Funding Opportunity

IMLS is requesting a change to a previously approved clearance in order to make non-substantive changes for the grant program Museums Empowered – a Museums for America Special Initiative. The forms associated with this Notice of Funding Opportunity have already been approved for the FY20 cycle. Museums Empowered is requesting the same expiration date of 2/29/20.

### **Request abstract:**

The information collections in this package include the guidelines and instructions to apply for IMLS support in the following grant program: Museums Empowered in FY20.

## **Justification for Museums Empowered**

Museums for America grants support projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. Museums Empowered is a Special Initiative of this program.

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 Museums Empowered grant program language with other museum grant programs.

The respondent burden should remain the same.