

Justification for Change

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

IMLS is requesting a change to a previously approved clearance in order to update the instructions for the FY20 grant programs African American History and Culture (AAHC) and Native American Native Hawaiian – Museums (NANH-M). With this non-substantive change for both AAHC and NANH-M, IMLS is requesting the same expiration date of 8/31/21. The data collection forms referred to in the instructions (Program Information Form, Budget Form, and Digital Product Form) for both programs are already approved and unchanged.

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 contains minimally updated program guidance for FY20, a few minor language clarifications to reduce applicant confusion in several sections of the NOFO; 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 respondent burden for both should remain the same.