

**Justification for Change**

3137-0112 Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP) – 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 Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP). The forms associated with this Notice of Funding Opportunity has already been approved for the FY19 cycle as OMB#3137-0112. We are requesting the same expiration date of 08/30/2021.

**Request abstract:**

The information collections in this package include the guidelines and instructions to apply for IMLS support in the following grant program: Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP).

**Justification for Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP)**

Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP) is a special initiative of the National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program. The goals of this initiative are to support projects that strengthen the ability of small and/or rural libraries and archives to serve their communities; and build grantee capacity through participation in a community of practice, linked to community needs. In the NOFO for FY20, the communities of practice are transforming K-12 school library practice, community memory, or digital inclusion.

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 APP grant program language with other library grant programs.