

Mr. Nicholas A. Fraser  
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Office of Management and Budget  
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Dear Mr. Fraser:

We have submitted a request for an expedited clearance of the IMLS American Rescue Plan Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity, created to provide assistance to museums, libraries, and related organizations in addressing community needs created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and in assisting in recovery. To benefit as large a number of institutions with as broad a geographic distribution as possible, this program will welcome applications for grants for \$10,000 to \$50,000 each. We expect to make 375 awards.

- Enacting legislation (ARP, CARES CPRSA, CRSSSA, FFCRA, PPPHC): **ARP**
- Leg. Section #: **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, § 2023 (March 11, 2021)**
- Agency: **Institute of Museum and Library Services**
- Name of Program: **IMLS American Rescue Plan Grant Program**
- Action Title (Please include the title as submitted to ROCIS.): **IMLS American Rescue Plan Grant Program**
- RIN or OMB Control Number (If Applicable): **N/A (New)**
- Action Type. Choose one of the following: NPRM, Final Rule, Interim Final Rule, Guidance, ANPRM, ICR, Other: **ICR**

**Brief Summary.** IMLS recognizes that communities across the country are suffering at unprecedented levels and that swift response is paramount. We know that museums and libraries are in need, but just as importantly, as recognized sources of trusted information and as safe places, they are key to recovery strategies as communities struggle to create a new post-COVID reality. Our grant program will strengthen the institutional capacity of museums, libraries, and related organizations to respond to community needs quickly, effectively, efficiently, and responsibly, and it will increase their ability to deliver programs and services that contribute to the well-being of families, groups, and individuals of all cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Because the need is great and swift response is paramount, we respectfully ask for an expedited clearance so we can distribute funds in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration.



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