

Justification for Change

3137-0093 Native American Enhancement and Native American Basic Library - Notice of Funding Opportunity

IMLS is requesting a change to a previously approved clearance in order to change the program, Native American Library Services Enhancement grants. This new grant is requesting the same expiration date of 07/31/2018.

Previous request abstract:

By separate request, IMLS updated the Native American Library Services Basic grant Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Justification for the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Program

Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants are competitive grants available to support activities that advance the operations of eligible Native American libraries to new levels of service. Indian tribes are eligible to apply for funding under the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant program. Entities such as libraries, schools, tribal colleges, or departments of education are not eligible applicants, although they may be involved in the administration of this program and their staff may serve as project directors in partnership with an eligible applicant. For purposes of funding under this program, "Indian tribe" means any tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska native village, regional corporation, or village corporation (as defined in, or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)), which is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. A list of eligible entities is available from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The FY2017 Native American Library Services Enhancement Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has two categories of changes from the previously cleared FY2016 NOFO. First, dates have been changed to reflect application deadlines, anticipated grant award dates, and all projects start dates to 2017 from 2016. Applicable award periods of performance have been moved to 2018 to accommodate two year projects. Secondly, IMLS made modifications to its standard (fixed) language that appears in all agency 2017 Notice of Funding Opportunities. These annual changes to all NOFOs ensure IMLS stays aligned with any changes issued as a result of 2 CFR 200 or its updates. These fixed language updates have also been applied to this NOFO. No other changes have been made.

The respondent burden should remain the same.