

**Justification for Change**

FY2026 21<sup>st</sup> Century Museum Professionals Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (3137-0135)

IMLS is requesting approval for non-substantive changes in the FY2026 21<sup>st</sup> Century Museum Professionals Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to update key calendar dates and to update, clarify, and simplify instructions. The current OMB approval expiration date is 8/31/2027.

**Request abstract:**

In this clearance submission (3137-0135) and justification, IMLS is requesting approval of non-substantive changes to a previously approved clearance for the FY2026 NOFO for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Museum Professionals Program, a discretionary grant program that supports the Nation's museums.

The changes consist of:

- Updating the application due date, date of notification of award decisions, and beginning date of the period of performance.
- Making copyedits to further simplify descriptions and streamline instructions.
- Updating the Executive Summary to further comply with 2 C.F.R. 200 updates.
- Updating the program goals and objectives to combine elements and comply with Administration policies and priorities.
- Updating instructions on how to complete and submit the IMLS Museum Program Information Form.
- Removing the requirement to select Keywords on the IMLS Museum Program Information Form.
- Updating the simplified acquisition threshold to \$350,000 (Section 6 - Risk Assessment).
- Updating the requirement for reporting matters related to recipient integrity and performance detailed in 2 CFR 200, Appendix XII (Section 8 - Reporting)

**Burden Estimate:**

The respondent burden remains the same.