

Justification for Change

FY2027 Museums for America *and* National Leadership Grants for Museums Notices of Funding Opportunity (3137-0094)

IMLS requests approval for non-substantive changes in the FY2027 Museums for America *and* National Leadership Grants for Museums Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) to update key calendar dates and to amend, clarify, and simplify instructions for applicants. The current OMB approval expiration date is 8/31/2027.

Request abstract:

Through this clearance submission and accompanying justification, IMLS seeks approval of non-substantive changes to OMB Clearance Number 3137-0094 for the FY2027 NOFOs for Museums for America *and* National Leadership Grants for Museums, two discretionary grant programs that support American museums.

The changes consist of:

- Updating the application due dates, dates of notification of award decisions, and beginning dates of the period of performance.
- Copyediting text to further simplify descriptions, standardize terms, and streamline instructions for applicants.
- Adding a statement that the finalized 2 C.F.R. § 200 updates will apply to all awards made on or after October 1, 2026.
- Adding a statement that the agency may update the General Terms and Conditions for IMLS Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards before making awards.
- Updating text for Eligibility and Completeness Checks to further clarify agency requirements.
- Updating instructions for applicants on how to complete and submit the IMLS Museum Program Information Form.
- Updating IMLS's office mailing address.
- For National Leadership Grants for Museums:
 - Updating the total amount of available funding and anticipated number of awards
- For Museums for America:
 - Updating the maximum funding amount of individual awards to \$350,000.
 - Updating the Executive Summary to link the granting of IMLS funds to the roles that museums play in our nation.

Burden Estimate:

The respondent burden remains the same.