

Justification for Change

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

IMLS is requesting approval for non-substantive changes in the FY2026 21st 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 21st 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.