

Justification for Change

FY2027 21st Century Museum Professionals Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (3137-0135)

IMLS requests approval for non-substantive changes in the FY2027 21st Century Museum Professionals Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 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 approve of non-substantive changes to OMB Clerance Number 3137-0135 for the FY2027 NOFO for the 21st Century Museum Professionals Program, a discretionary grant program supporting American museums.

The changes consist of:

- Updating the application due date, date of notification of award decisions, and beginning date 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 the Executive Summary to provide further information on the purpose of the program and project objectives.
- 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.

Burden Estimate:

The respondent burden remains the same.