



NATIVE HAWAIIAN LIBRARY SERVICES GRANT

Applicant Webinar

2024

Aloha and welcome to the applicant webinar for the Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant program. My name is Jennifer Himmelreich, and I am the Program Officer for this grant program.

What will we cover today?

- General information about IMLS Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant program
- What types of projects are funded?
- Key questions to address in your proposal
- Key components of your application package

We will rely on applicants to read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) carefully for details on what is required and how to complete the forms and submit the application.

In this webinar, I'll be providing information about the Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant program. We will review eligibility, go over the application process, the different application components, and also offer you a few tips and suggestions. Our goal is to help make the application process as easy as possible while helping to ensure that all application requirements are met.

Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants

Program Goals

- Project-based grants to carry out activities that enhance existing library services or implement new library services.

Deadline

- April 1, 2024

Amount and Length

- \$10,000-150,000 for up to two years

Cost Share

- Not required

Eligibility

- Nonprofit organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians
- A grantee with an active Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant may not apply for another Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant that would have an overlapping period of performance with the active grant.

The Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants are competitive awards for up to two years and up to \$150,000. Cost share is not required.

The anticipated period of performance for these awards is September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2026.

To be eligible for this program, you must be a nonprofit organization that primarily serves and represents Native Hawaiians (as the term is defined in 20 U.S.C. § 7517). The term “Native Hawaiian” refers to an individual who is a citizen of the United States and a descendant of the aboriginal people who, before 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. If you are an ineligible institution, we encourage you to partner with an eligible institution on a project. While you cannot be the lead applicant, you may apply through a partnership with an eligible institution and receive funding to support activities in that manner.

Please also note that a grantee with an active Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant may not apply for another Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant that would have an overlapping period of performance with the active grant.

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Goal 1: Improve digital services to support needs for education, workforce development, economic and business development, health information, critical thinking skills, and digital literacy skills.

- Objective 1.1: Support the establishment and refinement of digital infrastructure, platforms, and technology.
- Objective 1.2: Support preservation and access to information and resources through digitization.

Choose the Digital Services Project Category if your project relates to this goal.

The Native Hawaiian Library Services grants have three main goals with objectives that correspond to each goal.

The first goal and objectives correspond to the Digital Services project category on the Program Information Form, and they are to: Improve digital services to support needs for education, workforce development, economic and business development, health information, critical thinking skills, and digital literacy skills.

- Objective 1.1: Support the establishment and refinement of digital infrastructure, platforms, and technology.
- Objective 1.2: Support preservation and access to information and resources through digitization.

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Goal 2: Improve educational programs related to specific topics and content areas of interest to library patrons and community-based users.

- Objective 2.1: Support the identification of the needs and interests of learners.
- Objective 2.2: Support the development and implementation of classes, events, teaching tools, resources, and other educational services.
- Objective 2.3: Support the evaluative assessment of library-based approaches to teaching and facilitation.

Choose the Educational Programming Project Category if your project relates to this goal.

The second goal and objectives correspond to the to the Educational Programming project category on the Program Information Form and they are to: Improve educational programs related to specific topics and content areas of interest to library patrons and community-based users.

- Objective 2.1: Support the identification of the needs and interests of learners.
- Objective 2.2: Support the development and implementation of classes, events, teaching tools, resources, and other educational services.
- Objective 2.3: Support the evaluative assessment of library-based approaches to teaching and facilitation.

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Goal 3: Enhance the preservation and revitalization of Native Hawaiian culture and language.

- Objective 3.1: Support the development of efficient strategic partnerships within, across, and outside Native Hawaiian communities.
- Objective 3.2: Support the preservation of content of unique and specific value to Native Hawaiian communities.
- Objective 3.3: Support the sharing of content within and/or beyond Native Hawaiian communities.

Choose the Preservation and Revitalization Project Category if your project relates to this goal.

The third goal and objectives correspond to the to the Preservation and Revitalization project category on the Program Information Form and they are to: Enhance the preservation and revitalization of Native Hawaiian culture and language.

- Objective 3.1: Support the development of efficient strategic partnerships within, across, and outside Native Hawaiian communities.
- Objective 3.2: Support the preservation of content of unique and specific value to Native Hawaiian communities.
- Objective 3.3: Support the sharing of content within and/or beyond Native Hawaiian communities.

Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants

<https://www.ims.gov/grants/available/native-hawaiian-library-services>

Be sure to follow all the links in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

When is the deadline?

- Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time **April 1, 2024**
- All applications must be submitted through Grants.gov

You can find the Notice of Funding Opportunity on our website. Make sure to read the NOFO carefully and follow all the links.

Application Checklist

Application Components are listed on NOFO Pages 6-7



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D2. Content and Form of Application Submission

The Table of Application Components below will help you prepare a complete application. You will find links to more information and instructions for each application component in the table. Applications missing any Required Documents or Conditionally Required Documents from this list will be considered incomplete and may be rejected from further consideration. (See 2 C.F.R. § 31287.8.)

D2a. Table of Application Components

Component	Format	File name to use
Required Documents Please see the guidance in Section D2a for more information.		
The Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form (SF-4245)	Grants.gov form	n/a
IMLS Supplementary Information Form (including Abstract)	Grants.gov form	n/a
IMLS Library - Discretionary Program Information Form	Grants.gov form	n/a
Organizational Profile (one page max.)	PDF document	Organizational/profile.pdf
Narrative (eight pages max.)	PDF document	Narrative.pdf
Schedule of Completion (one page per year max.)	PDF document	Scheduleofcompletion.pdf
Performance Measurement Plan (two pages max.)	PDF document	Perfmeasurement.pdf
IMLS Budget Form	IMLS PDF form	Budget.pdf
Budget Justification	PDF document	Budgetjustification.pdf
List of Key Project Staff and Consultants (one page max.)	PDF document	Projectstaff.pdf

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Resumes of Key Project Staff and Consultants (two pages each max.)	PDF document	Resumes.pdf
Conditionally Required Documents Please see the guidance in Section D2a for more information.		
Proof of Private, Nonprofit Status	PDF document	Proofnonprofit.pdf
Final Legally Executed Indirect Cost Rate Agreement	PDF document	Indirectcostrate.pdf
Digital Products Plan (two pages max.)	PDF document	Digitalproduct.pdf
Supporting Documents Please see the guidance in Section D2a for more information.		
Information that supplements the Narrative and supports the project description provided in the application	PDF document	Supportingdoc1.pdf Supportingdoc2.pdf Supportingdoc3.pdf

D2b. Format, Name, and Sequence of the Application Components

Document format: Aside from the SF-4245, the IMLS Supplementary Information Form (including Abstract), and the IMLS Library - Discretionary Program Information Form, which are created in Grants.gov Workspace, all application components must be submitted as PDF documents.

Page limits: Note page limits listed in the table above. IMLS will remove any pages over the limit.

Naming convention: Use the naming conventions indicated in the table above. **IMPORTANT:** Attachment file names are limited to the following characters: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore (_), hyphen (-), space, and period (.). If attachment file names use any other characters, the application may be rejected by Grants.gov.

Attachment order: In Grants.gov, attach all application components in the sequence listed in the table above. Use all available spaces in the "Attachment Form" text; attach any additional application components using the "Other Attachment File(s)" boxes.

Complete applications: Use the table above as a checklist to ensure that you have created and attached all necessary application components.

D2c. Instructions for Required Documents

1. The Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form (SF-4245)
The SF-4245 is part of the application package that you complete in Grants.gov Workspace. [Click here for instructions on completing the SF-4245.](#)

2. IMLS Supplementary Information Form (including Abstract)
The IMLS Supplementary Information Form (including Abstract) is part of the application package that you complete in Grants.gov Workspace. [Click here for instructions on completing it.](#)

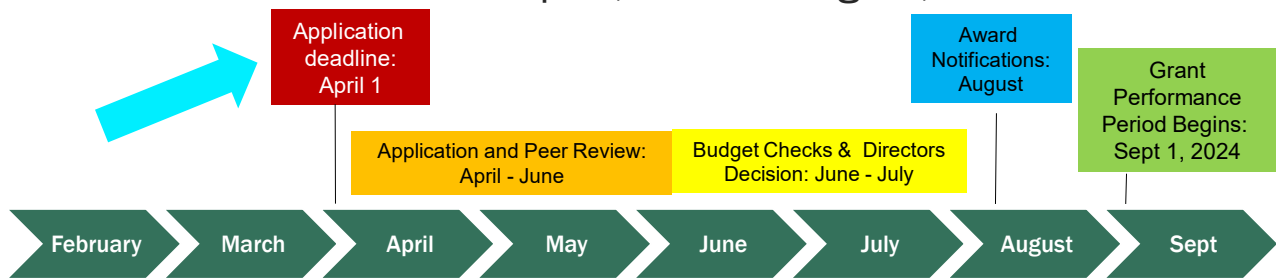
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Pages 6 and 7 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity include a table that lists all of the application components, what kind of format they need to be submitted as, and which file name to use when you're submitting your application package. Use this list as a checklist of all the documents you will need to submit by April 1st.

You want to make sure your application is complete so that it is not rejected simply because you missed or forgot one document.

Review Process

- Application deadline: April 1, 2024, 11:59pm ET
- Award notifications to be sent in August
- Performance Period: Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026

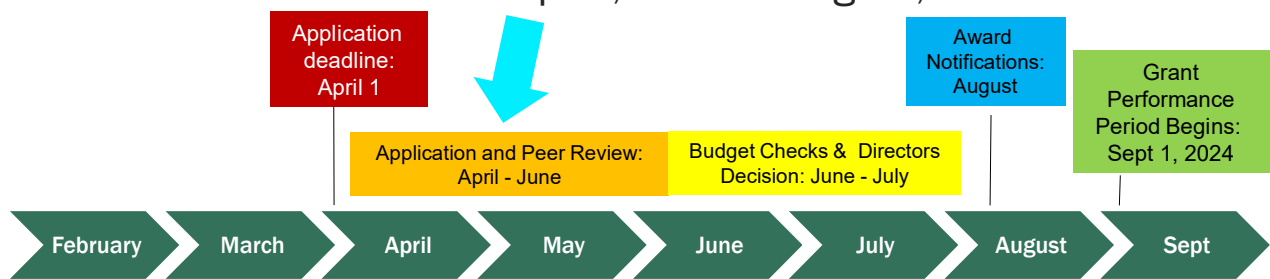


This will give you a sense of the timeline and how the process works.

Mark April 1st, 2024 at 11:59 pm as the deadline. Make note that the time listed is for the eastern time zone.

Review Process

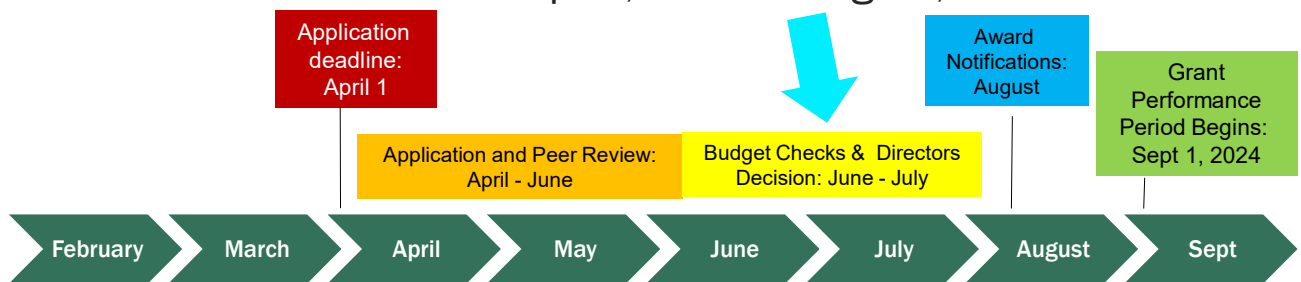
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Once applications are received, grant proposals go through application check to make sure all application components are there then out for peer review April through June. Reviewers will read your proposals. They will evaluate them to make sure you have responded to the Notice of Funding Opportunity and that your proposed project has potential for success.

Review Process

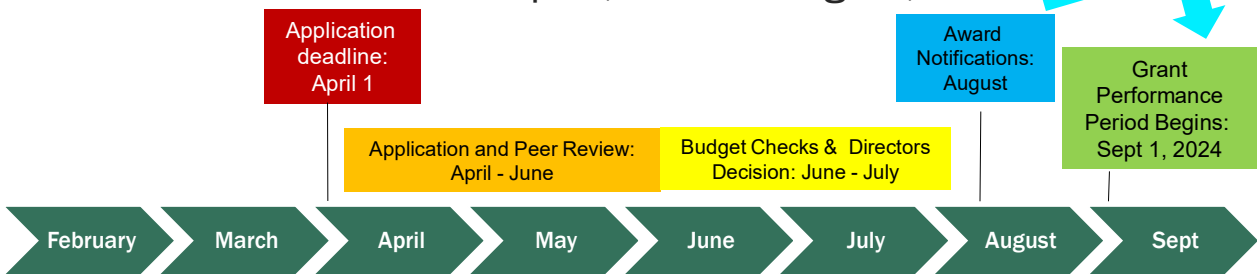
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After the peer reviews in June and July, we complete budget checks and present the reviewers' comments and scores to the IMLS Director who will then make funding decisions based on the reviewers' evaluations and the overall goals of the program and the agency.

Review Process

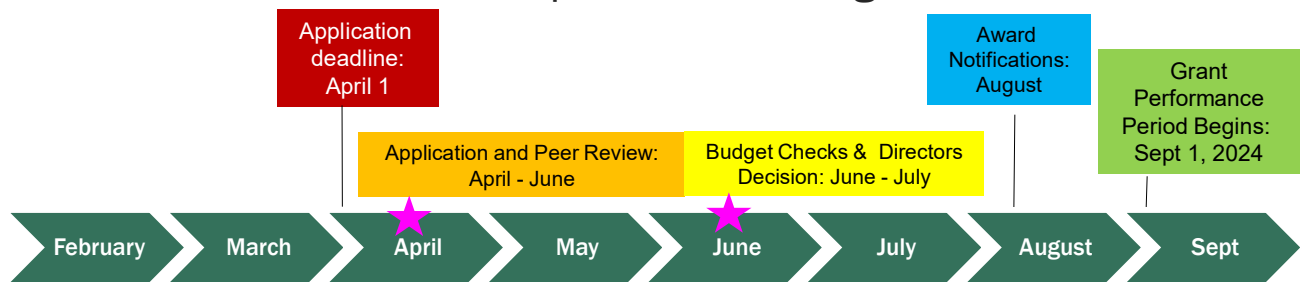
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Announcements will be made in August for a September 1st start date.

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- Performance Period: Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026

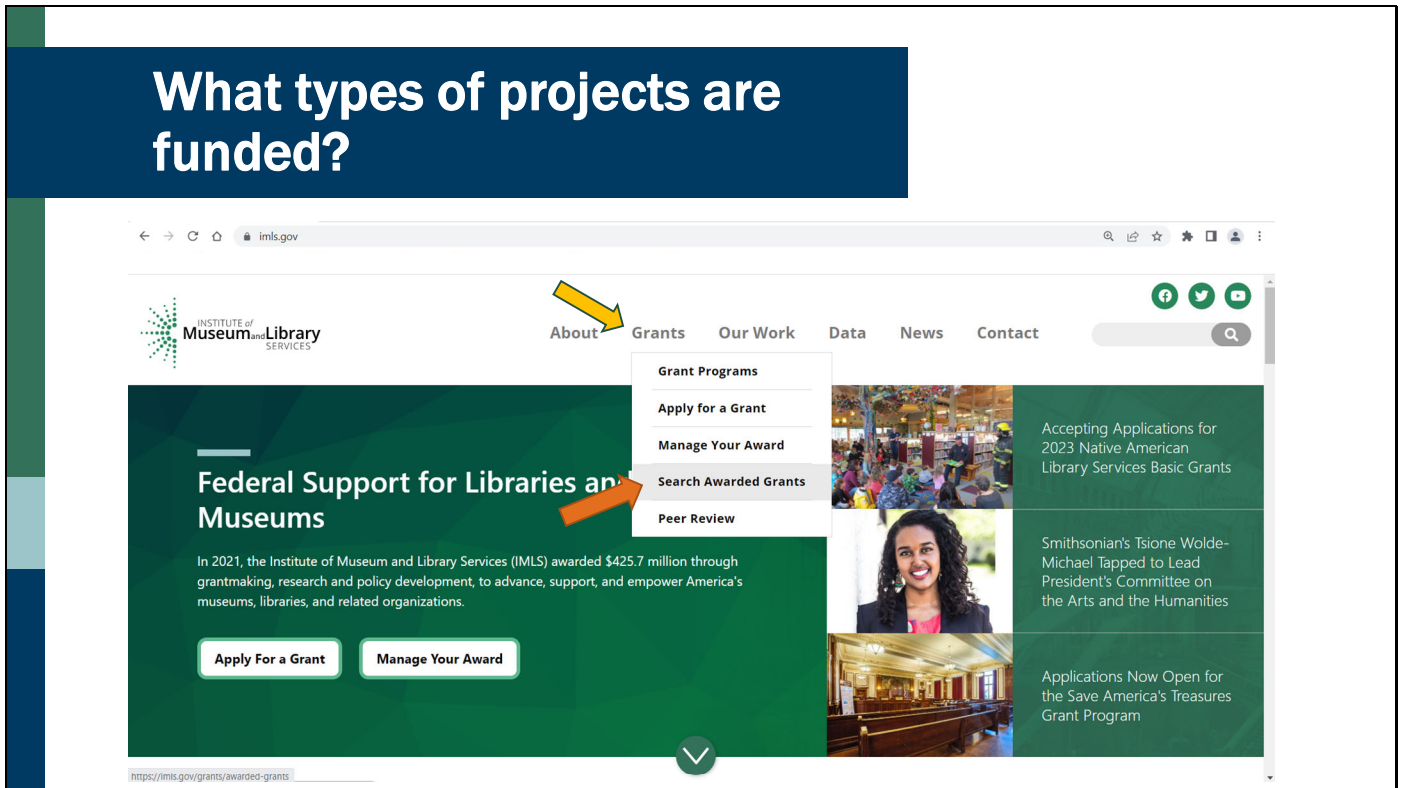


Please note that during the Application review time in April and the Budget reviews in June, noted with the purple stars on the timeline, are the periods our staff may reach out to grant contacts with questions about the application components or questions about the budget form, justification or indirect costs.

Types of projects funded

If you need to get a better idea about how to align your project with the three IMLS goal categories, you can search previous awardees using our [Awarded Grants Search](#).

What types of projects are funded?



Starting on the IMLS home page, click on Grants at the top of the page and then click on Search Awarded Grants.

What types of projects are funded?

The screenshot shows the IMLS.gov grants search interface. On the left, there is a filter sidebar with the following sections:

- Fiscal Year:** Radio buttons for FY 2022 (selected), FY 2019, FY 2020, and FY 2017. An orange arrow points to the FY 2022 button.
- Funding Office:** Checkboxes for Grants to States Libraries, Office of Library Services, Office of Museum Services, and Other Initiatives.
- State:** A dropdown menu currently set to "-Any-".
- City:** A text input field.
- Institution:** A text input field.
- Program:** A dropdown menu with "Native Hawaiian Library Services" selected. A yellow arrow points to this selection.

At the top of the sidebar are "SUBMIT" and "CLEAR ALL FILTERS" buttons. The main content area features a search bar and a table of results. The table has the following columns: Log Number, Institution, Fiscal Year, Program, Federal Funds, Funding Office, City, and State. The table displays five rows of data for FY 2022 grants under the "Native Hawaiian Library Services" program.

Log Number	Institution	Fiscal Year	Program	Federal Funds	Funding Office	City	State
NH-252408-015-22	Hula Preservation Society	2022	Native Hawaiian Library Services	\$148,964	Office of Library Services	Kaneohe	HI
NH-252397-015-22	Papa'āina Ku'āloa	2022	Native Hawaiian Library Services	\$150,000	Office of Library Services	Kaneohe	HI
NH-252400-015-22	Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum	2022	Native Hawaiian Library Services	\$150,000	Office of Library Services	Honolulu	HI
NH-252449-015-22	Papa Ola Lani'āi	2022	Native Hawaiian Library Services	\$140,864	Office of Library Services	Honolulu	HI
NH-252420-016-22	Ku'āloa Heaia Ekeemika'āi Youth Project	2022	Native Hawaiian Library Services	\$118,058	Office of Library Services	Kaneohe	HI
NH-252427-015-22	Ka Iou, Ma'ānani Cultural Heritage Center	2022	Native Hawaiian Library Services	\$150,000	Office of Library Services	Kaunakakai	HI

From here you can select "FY2022" under the Fiscal Year and "Native Hawaiian Library Service" under Program then hit Submit which will pull up all FY 2022 Native Hawaiian Awardees.

What types of projects are funded?

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the IMLS.gov website. The URL is imls.gov/grants/awarded/nh-252408-ols-22. The page title is "Hula Preservation Society" and the log number is "NH-252408-OLS-22". The main content area contains a description of the project: "Hula Preservation Society (HPS) will develop, implement, and share an Indigenous-centered controlled vocabulary and 40 finding aids for video-based oral histories. Finding aids are used to help researchers more easily navigate archival collections. The creation of an Indigenous-centered controlled vocabulary will provide the intellectual, Indigenous-grounded access that will better serve researchers. 10 of the 40 finding aids will be newly created. To broaden access to the contents of HPS's video-based elder oral history library, this project will make these products widely available online via the HPS website, the University of Hawaii library system, and the Papakilo Database of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The project team will share project outcomes and lessons learned through public educational programming and online stories. This project will benefit all Native Hawaiians." Below the description is a table of attachments:

Attachment	Size
NH-252408-OLS-22 Project Proposal	1.94 MB

Annotations on the right side of the slide include:

- An arrow pointing to the title "Hula Preservation Society" with the label "Awardee".
- An arrow pointing to the project description with the label "Project Description".
- An arrow pointing to the PDF attachment "NH-252408-OLS-22 Project Proposal" with the label "Advanced Search Example".

Under the description, there is a PDF document you can download, which will include the Proposal Narrative and Schedule of Completion for each funded project.



**Key questions to address
in your proposal**

I will now review the questions that you should address in your proposal.



Abstract

As part of the IMLS Supplementary Information Form, you will include an abstract.

Abstract

- ✓ Identify the lead applicant and, if applicable, any collaborators.
- ✓ Describe the need, problem, or challenge your project will address, and how it was identified.
- ✓ List the high-level activities you will carry out and identify the associated time frame.
- ✓ Identify who or what will benefit from your project.
- ✓ Specify your project's intended results.
- ✓ Describe how you will measure your performance in achieving your intended results.

Here are some key questions to address in the abstract:

- Identify the lead applicant and, if applicable, any collaborators.
- Describe the need, problem, or challenge your project will address
- List the high-level activities you will carry out and identify the associated time frame.
- Identify who or what will benefit from your project.
- Specify your project's intended results.
- Describe how you will measure your performance in achieving your intended results.

Abstract

- ✓ Proposed project may be published online, do not include any sensitive or confidential information.

If your proposed project is selected for funding, your abstract may be published online. As such, it must not include any sensitive or confidential information.

Narrative

1. Project Justification
2. Project Work Plan
3. Project Results

Your application Narrative should have three main sections: a Project Justification, a Project Work Plan, and Project Results.



Project Justification

In your Project Justification, tell the reviewers:

Project Justification

- ✓ Which program goal and associated objective(s) of the Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants program will your project address?
- ✓ What need, problem, or challenge will your project address and how was it identified?
- ✓ Who is the target group for your project and how have they been involved in the planning?
- ✓ Who are the ultimate beneficiaries for this project?

- Which program goal and associated objective(s) of the Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant program will your project address?
- Describe what need, problem, or challenge your project will address and how was it identified?
 - You can use demographic information, economic circumstances, condition assessments, and other relevant data from reliable sources to define the need, problem, or challenge and develop the scope for the project
- Who is the target group for your project and how have they been involved in the planning?
 - “Target group” refers to those who will be most immediately and positively affected by your project. Be specific by identifying particular age groups, community members with particular needs, and/or other types of target audiences. Identify the number of individuals in the target group or in each target group, if you identify more than one.
- Who are the ultimate beneficiaries for this project?
 - “Beneficiaries” refers to those who are likely to be aided in the long-term by your project. They may or may not be the same as your “target group.” Identify the number of individuals who will benefit from your project in the long term, if reliable and justifiable reasons are possible. Otherwise describe the characteristics of the beneficiaries you expect to be served eventually by your project.

Narrative

1. Project Justification
2. Project Work Plan
3. Project Results

Looking at the second part of the application, your Project Work Plan section should address the following questions:

Project Work Plan

- ✓ What specific activities will you carry out and in what sequence?
- ✓ What are the risks to the project and how will you mitigate them?
- ✓ Who will plan, implement, and manage your project?
- ✓ What time, financial, personnel, and other resources will you need to carry out the activities?
- ✓ How and with whom will you share your work's general findings lessons learned?
- ✓ What data will you collect, how often, and from what source(s) in order to measure your performance in terms of effectiveness, quality, and timeliness?
- ✓ Does your project include any digital content, resources, assets, software, or datasets?

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- What are the risks to the project and how will you mitigate them?
- Who will plan, implement, and manage your project?
- What time, financial, personnel, and other resources will you need to carry out the activities? Identify any partner and/or collaborator organizations that will contribute to your project and describe their roles.
- How and with whom will you share your work's general findings lessons learned?
- What data will you collect, how often, and from what source(s) in order to measure your performance in terms of effectiveness, quality, and timeliness? I will discuss more about this in a minute.
- Does your project include any digital content, resources, assets, software, or datasets? If so, be sure to create a Digital Products Plan. Examples of digital products include any data visualizations that are informing the project work, online materials (such as webpages about the project), digital content products, or images.

Narrative

1. Project Justification
2. Project Work Plan
3. Project Results

For the third narrative component, Project Results, it needs to include...

Project Results

- ✓ What are your project's intended results and how will they address the need, problem, or challenge you have identified?
- ✓ How will the knowledge, skills, behaviors, capabilities, and/or attitudes of the target group change as a result of your project?
- ✓ What tangible products will result from your project?
- ✓ How will you sustain the benefit(s) of your project beyond the conclusion of the period of performance?

- What are your project's intended results and how will they address the need, problem, or challenge you have identified in the Project Justification?
- How will the knowledge, skills, behaviors, capabilities, and/or attitudes of the intended audience change as a result of your project?
- What tangible products will result from your project?
- How will you sustain the benefit(s) of your project? How will you continue to support the project, its results, and/or new models that are created beyond the grant period?
 - For example, will there be ongoing institutional and/or community support of project activities or products? Do you have demonstrated buy-in from potential stakeholders? What are your plans for sustaining any digitized collections, software, and supporting documentation, information systems, and other technology tools?

Performance Measurement

Performance Measurement:

- **Effectiveness:** Are the activities being supported by the program contributing to (a) improving digital services, (b) improving educational programs, and/or (c) enhancing the preservation and revitalization of Native Hawaiian cultures and languages?
- **Quality:** Is the program meeting user requirements and expectations?
- **Timeliness:** Is each activity being completed on time and as proposed?

Identify what data you will collect, how often, and from what source in order to provide these measurements.

The Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants program will use the following three performance measurements as a basis for understanding the level of performance by the grant program as a whole and by each award supported through it.

- For Effectiveness: Are the activities being supported by the program contributing to: (a) improving digital services, (b) improving educational programs, and/or (c) enhancing the preservation and revitalization of Native Hawaiian cultures and languages?
- For Quality: Is the program meeting user requirements and expectations?
- For Timeliness: Is each activity being completed on time and as proposed?

Each applicant must identify what data they will collect, how often, and from what source in order to produce these measurements. Consider using the sample performance measurement plan to get started.



Key components of your application package

I will now address key components of your application package.

Application Components

- Application cover form (SF-424S)
- IMLS Supplementary Information Form
- IMLS Library-Discretionary Program Information Form
- Organizational Profile
- Narrative (8 pages, max.)
- Schedule of Completion
- Performance Measurement Plan
- IMLS Budget Form
- Budget Justification
- List of Key Project Staff and Consultants
- Resumes (of people on list)
- Any conditionally required or supporting documents

All documents must be saved and submitted in PDF format!

Make sure to include the application components listed in the NOFO and included here on this slide.

Conditionally required documents include:

- your Proof of Private, Nonprofit status,
- your federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (if you plan to include indirect cost in your budget), and,
- the Digital Products Plan, if you are proposing to generate digital content, resources, assets, or software

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Budget

IMLS Budget Form Categories

1. Salaries and Wages
2. Fringe Benefits
3. Travel (project-related only + \$3,000 for IMLS-directed/year)
4. Supplies, Materials, and Equipment
5. Contracts and Subawards
6. Student Support
7. Other Costs
8. Indirect Costs

You'll need to include an IMLS Budget Form and Budget Justification following the standard budget categories listed on this slide.

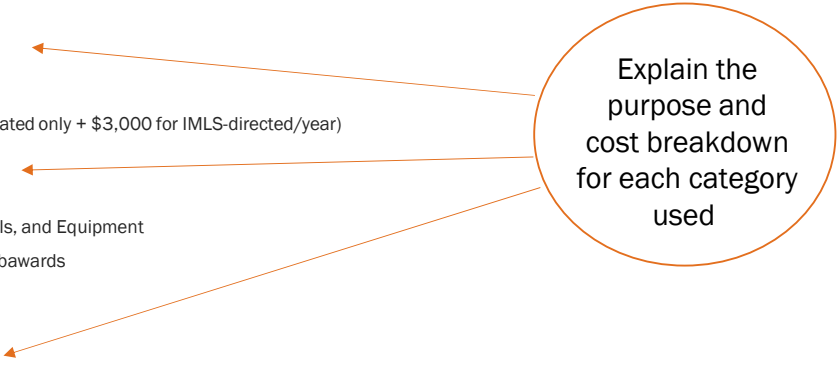
Please note the IMLS Budget Form is used for all IMLS grant programs and includes areas you may not fill in as part of this grant program.

Budget Justification

IMLS Budget Form Categories

1. Salaries and Wages
 - i. Cost a ?
 - ii. Cost b?
2. Fringe Benefits
3. Travel (project-related only + \$3,000 for IMLS-directed/year)
 - i. Cost x?
 - ii. Cost y ?
4. Supplies, Materials, and Equipment
5. Contracts and Subawards
6. Student Support
7. Other Costs
 - i. Cost z ?
8. Indirect Costs

Explain the purpose and cost breakdown for each category used



The Budget Justification, which accompanies the completed IMLS Budget Form, should explain the purpose and cost breakdown for each expense listed in these categories.

Note that under the Travel category, it should include \$3,000 for IMLS-directed travel each year.

Also, cost share is not required.

Supporting Documents

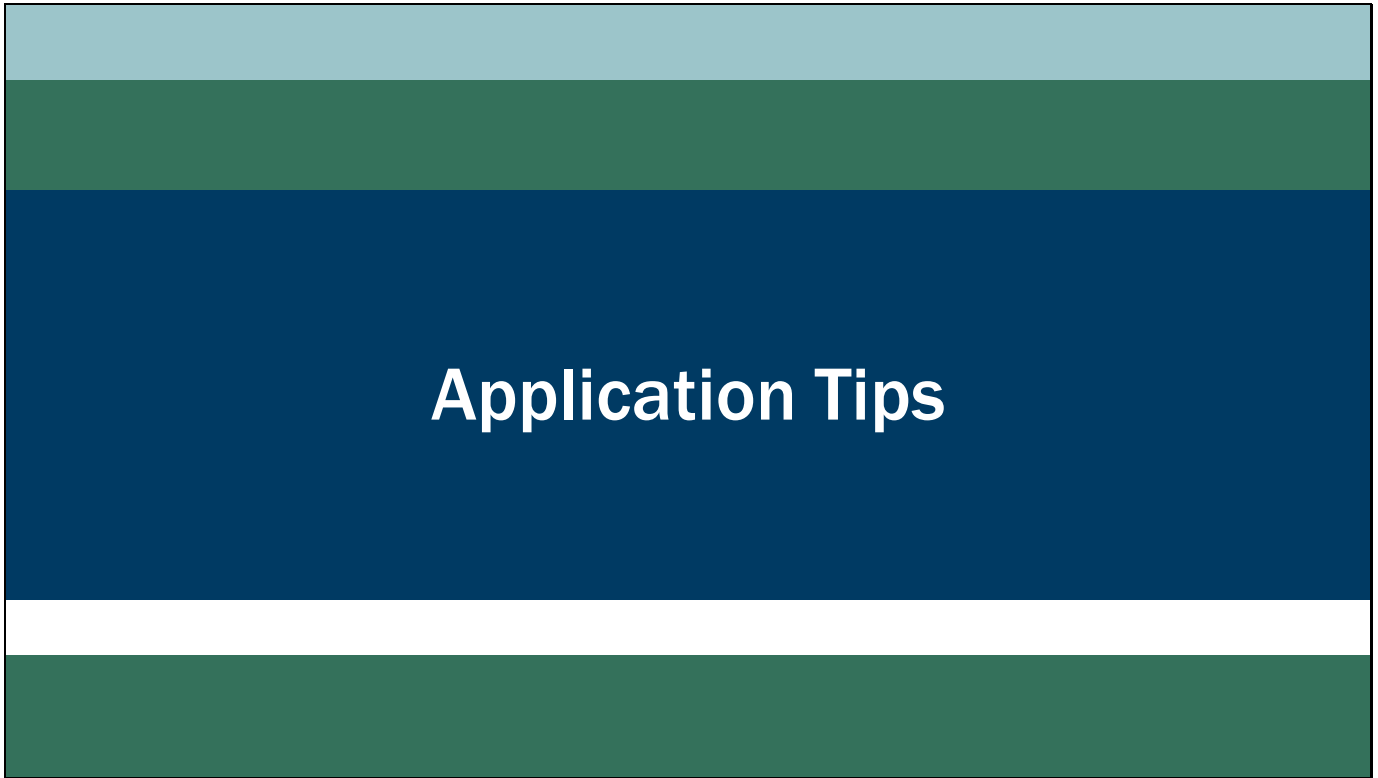
- Letters of commitment from consultants, partners, or other groups you will work with
- Bibliography or references
- Letters of support from experts and stakeholders
- Reports from planning activities
- Vendor quotes for equipment, furnishings, other large purchases
- Equipment specifications
- Summary of needs assessment findings

You may submit a reasonable number of Supporting Documents that supplement your Narrative and support the project description. Supporting Documents should help IMLS staff and reviewers envision your project in greater detail, but they should not be used to introduce new topics nor to continue answers to the Narrative questions. Give each document a clear, descriptive title at the top of the first page. You can choose to include any of the supporting documents listed.

The Application Package

- ❑ Make sure to submit a complete application with all required documents.
 - See the Table of Application Components (p. 6-7 of the NOFO)
- ❑ Don't forget all key personnel listed must have resumes
- ❑ Check the list of conditionally required documents, for example, Digital Products Plan and Proof of Private, Nonprofit Status.
- ❑ Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
 - The indirect cost rate at the time of the award stands until the end.
 - Cost rate agreement must extend through September 2024.
- ❑ Supporting documents might include needs assessments, letters of support, plans or reports.

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- Include any conditionally required documents
- If you are using a Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement remember that:
 - The cost rate agreement must extend through September 2024.
 - The indirect cost rate at the time of the award stands until the end of the grant award. So if a new rate is negotiated, we cannot amend to the new rate.
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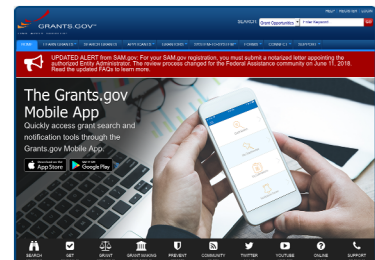
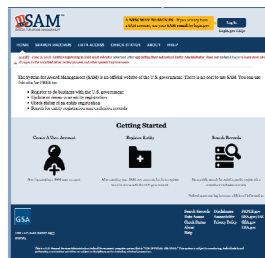


Next, we will provide some tips to help you with the application process.

Application Tips Slide 1

Register early!

1. Unique Entity ID (generated by SAM.gov)
2. SAM Registration: www.sam.gov
3. Grants.gov Registration: www.grants.gov



First, "Register early!"

- The UEI, SAM.gov and Grants.gov registration are sequential.
- The UEI has replaced DUNS, and is generated when you register with SAM.gov.
- You must have an active SAM.gov registration to register with Grants.gov.
- You need to have a functional Grants.gov registration to submit a Native Hawaiian grant application to IMLS.

Remember that your SAM.gov registration expires each year and you must renew it. You can log into SAM.gov at any time and find out your status. I would recommend doing that today.

Application Tips Slide 2

- Get some feedback and revise
 - Schedule a time to talk by phone
- Ask two or three people who are not involved in the grant to read the proposal and provide feedback on ideas, structure, and grammar/spelling
- Consider their feedback and revise accordingly
- Proofread final version carefully; use spell check feature
- Coordinate with to submit all application components **through Grants.gov *before the deadline***

Here are a few application tips based on experience:

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Application Tips Slide 3

IMPORTANT TO KNOW: We make grants only to **eligible** applicants that submit **complete** applications, including attachments, **on or before the deadline**. Please:

- Save documents in PDF format
- Upload application files to Grants.gov prior to deadline
- Use Grants.gov Workspace
- Check uploaded files against the Table of Application Components in Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Start early to allow time to resubmit before the deadline if needed

- Start today, organizing what you need to apply and understanding who in your organization can help confirm UEI, SAM, and grants.gov registrations
- Remember to save all your documents as PDF files. grants.gov cannot convert them for you.
- Upload application files to Grants.gov prior to deadline. I would encourage setting a date prior to the deadline in case something unforeseen comes up, requiring more time.
- Use Grants.gov Workspace. It's a great way to organize the work of the application process in one work environment and with any work partners who have a role to play in the application prep and submission process.
- Be sure to double check the uploaded files against the Table of Application Components in Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- Finally, by starting early, it allows you time to resubmit before the deadline if you need to, so keep that in mind as well. This might be helpful if you discover that you forgot something or would like to add additional information to the library service plan.

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For questions about eligibility, your Library Services Plan and project activities, the Digital Products Plan, your Budget, including allowability of costs, please reach out to myself, Jennifer Himmelreich

For questions about application requirements and deadlines: please reach out to Sheena Afoakwa

Maholo for listening in, and we look forward to receiving your application.

As always, best wishes from IMLS!