QUICK GUIDE TO IMLS LIBRARY DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAMS





National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG)

This program enhances the quality of library services for the American public by addressing critical needs in the library and archives fields. The models, tools, research findings, services and partnerships resulting from these awards can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend and maximize public benefit.

Award Amount: \$25,000 - \$1,000,000

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21)

This program supports training and professional development of library and archives professionals; developing faculty and information leaders; and recruiting, educating, and retaining the next generation of library and archives professionals in order to develop a diverse library and archival workforce that meets the information needs of communities.

Award Amount: \$25,000 - \$1,000,000

Native American Library Services Basic Grants

Basic Grants are non-competitive and available to federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Corporations. They are available to assist Native American tribes in maintaining core library services for their communities.

Award Amount: up to \$10,000

Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants

Enhancement Grants are competitive and available to federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Corporations. They are available to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities.

Award Amount: up to \$150,000

Native Hawaiian Library Services

Native Hawaiian awards are competitive and available to nonprofit organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians (as that term is defined in 20 U.S.C. § 7517). The program seeks to assist Native Hawaiian libraries in improving core library services for their communities.

Award Amount: up to \$150,000

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Pre-application webinars help you learn more about our programs and the application process. Conversations with Office of Library Services program staff can help you explore how your idea may match the goals of a grant program.

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- Archives & special collections
- Audiovisual collections
- Community archives
- Digital collections
- Digital preservation

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- Community or population-specific service
- Diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives
- Library and Archives' organizational readiness and retention
- Public health
- Workforce development

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- AI/machine learning/ data science
- Open infrastructures
- Research data management
- Scholarly communications

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- Early learning
- Future library and archival workforce
- Informal STEM learning & making
- · School libraries
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- Civic technology
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- Digital inclusion
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