

# Reporting Requirements for FY 2019 Pacific Competitive Grants

## Federal Requirements

An important purpose of the final performance report is to provide a record of grant-funded project accomplishments. IMLS uses these narratives to report to the Congress and the Office of Management and Budget about IMLS' progress on addressing its strategic goals, which focus on promoting lifelong learning, building capacity, increasing public access, and achieving excellence.

## IMLS Requirements

Final performance and final financial reports are due to IMLS ninety (90) days after the end of the grant period of performance shown on your Official Award Notification for Grants and Cooperative Agreements document. For the 2019 Pacific Competitive Grants, the grant period of performance end date is September 30, 2020 and final reports are **due to IMLS by December 29, 2020**. Both performance and financial reports must be signed by the authorized certifying official for the grant.

### Final Performance Report

IMLS does not require interim performance reports for these awards, only a final performance report. A one-page summary of grant activities is due for each grant. Grantees may submit longer reports if they choose. There is no official form for this part of the final report. The report must include basic information concerning the grant such as grant number, dates of grant period of performance, description of the grant project and name of person submitting report. The authorized certifying official must sign and date the report. The description of the grant project should answer these questions:

- What community needs were addressed?
- What were the performance goals and any other goals of the grant project?
- Who was the targeted audience of the project?
- What activities were implemented to address the goals?
- How was the grant project evaluated?
- What were the results of the grant project?
- What was the impact on the people in the community?

### Final Financial Report

IMLS does not require interim financial reports for these awards, only a final financial report. **Grantees must use the financial status report form provided by IMLS, not the Standard Form SF 425.** The financial status report indicates whether all grant funds or only partial grant funds for a particular grant were expended and if any funds should be deobligated. The report form also indicates the amount of the non-Federal share of payments (match) as well as the amount of administrative costs attributed to the grant. The Territories (the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) are not required to provide matching funds<sup>1</sup>, but the Freely Associated States (the

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<sup>1</sup> 48 U.S.C. §1469a(d).

Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands) are required to fund at least 34% of the **total** project costs (not just 34% of the IMLS costs). All grantees must report the amount of administrative costs charged to the grant, which must not exceed 4% of the grant award amount. The financial report must be signed by the authorized certifying official for the grant.

#### Obligation and Liquidation of Funds

The grantee may charge to the award only allowable costs incurred during the grant period of performance (August 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020) (except as described in 2 CFR §200.461 publication and printing costs). **Accordingly, grant funds may not be obligated after the grant period of performance end date (September 30, 2020).** Obligated funds are funds that are committed, for example, by a contract or purchase order.

The grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award no later than ninety days (December 29, 2020) after the end of the grant period of performance. Deobligated funds are returned to the U.S. Treasury Department.

Please be aware that sometimes financial reports are submitted to IMLS indicating that all or some of the grant funds were expended and yet IMLS drawdown records indicate that the funds were not drawn down but remain at IMLS. In this instance, IMLS will contact the grantee to discuss the situation since IMLS must generally either transfer funds to the grantee through reimbursement or return the funds to the U.S. Treasury Department.

#### Submitting Reports

Grantees have the option of sending draft financial and performance reports to the Program Officer (Madison Bolls; [mbolls@imls.gov](mailto:mbolls@imls.gov) ) prior to the report deadline. As time allows, the Program Officer may review the reports and suggest corrections. Please note, however, that the grantee is ultimately responsible for compliance with all reporting requirements. Send the completed reports with signatures to the Program Officer by e-mail, preferably as scanned PDF documents.

**Requests for payment will not be processed if either financial or performance reports are overdue. Failure to submit these reports as required may result in withholding of grant funds, the suspension or termination of the grant, the return of Federal funds, and other actions, and may jeopardize eligibility for any pending or future grants from IMLS.**

If you have questions about reporting requirements contact:

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