

National Museum of the American Latino Act

Public Law No: 116-260

Title II, Section 201

subsection (f) highlights the role of the IMLS

(f) Educational and Liaison Programs.—

(1) In General. —

(A) Programs authorized. — The Director of the Museum may carry out educational and liaison programs in support of the goals of the Museum.

(B) Specific activities. — In carrying out this subsection, the Director shall —

(i) carry out educational programs relating to Latino life, art, history, and culture, including—

(I) programs using digital, electronic, and interactive technologies; and

(II) programs carried out in collaboration with elementary schools, secondary schools, and postsecondary schools; and

(ii) consult with the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services concerning the grant programs carried out under paragraph (2).

(2) Grant programs. —

(A) In general. — The Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and the Director of the Museum, shall establish and carry out —

(i) a grant program with the purpose of improving operations, care of collections, culturally appropriate public outreach, and development of professional management at American Latino museums;

(ii) a grant program with the purpose of providing — internship and fellowship opportunities at American Latino museums;

(iii) a scholarship program—in partnership with Hispanic-serving institutions, minority-serving institutions, historically black colleges and universities, and other institutions of higher education, with the purpose of assisting individuals who are pursuing careers or carrying out studies in the arts, humanities, and sciences in the study of American Latino life, art, history, and culture;

(iv) in cooperation with other museums, historical societies, and educational institutions, a grant program with the purpose of promoting the understanding of the Latin American diaspora in the United States; and;

(v) a grant program — under which an American Latino museum (including a nonprofit education organization the primary mission of which is to promote the study of the Latin American diaspora in the United States) may use funds provided under the grant to increase an endowment fund established by the museum (or organization) as of October 1, 2020, for the purposes of enhancing educational programming, and maintaining and operating traveling educational exhibits.

(B) Clarification of treatment of museum. — In this paragraph, the term “American Latino museum” does not include the Museum.

(C) Authorization of appropriations. —There are authorized to be appropriated to the Institute of Museum and Library Services to carry out this paragraph —

(i) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2021; and

(ii) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022 and each succeeding fiscal year.