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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

**Institute of Museum and Library Services**

**Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request, Proposed Collection: IMLS**

**Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP) Notice of Funding Opportunity**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services announces the following information collection has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. This notice proposes the clearance of the instructions for the IMLS Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP) Notice of Funding Opportunity.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **CONTACT** section below on or before November 16, 2018.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, *Attn.:* OMB Desk Officer for Education, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Sandra Webb, Director of Grant Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Webb can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4718 Fax: 202-653-4608, or by e-mail at [swebb@imls.gov](mailto:swebb@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov).

## **II. Current Actions**

The goal of the IMLS initiative Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP) is to support projects that strengthen the ability of small and rural libraries and archives to serve their communities. IMLS invites applications that focus on transforming school library practice, community memory, or digital inclusion, and are clearly linked to an individual institution's broader community needs. IMLS Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APPL) is being offered as a special initiative with funding from the National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program. This action is to create the forms and instructions for this initiative as a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the next three years.

*Agency:* Institute of Museum and Library Services

*Title:* 2019-2021 IMLS Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries Notice of Funding Opportunity

*OMB Number:* 3137-TBD

*Frequency:* Once per year

*Affected Public:* Library organization applicants

*Number of Respondents:* 150

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 35 hours

*Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5250 hours*

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs: n/a*

*Total Annual costs: \$145,582.50*

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