



# IMLS Grants Overview with FDLP Success Stories

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# Session Overview

- IMLS, broadly
- Examples of IMLS/LSTA grants in Arizona:
  - Amelia Raines, Federal Documents Librarian, State of Arizona Research Library
  - Susan Leach-Murray, State Publications Librarian, State of Arizona Research Library
- Applying for IMLS grants



# About IMLS

## Who are we?

- The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums.

## What do we do?

- We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant-making, research, and policy development.

## **Funding Streams FY2019 \$242M**

**\$189M:** Library Services and Technology Act

Grants to States, National Leadership Grants,  
Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program, Native  
American/Native Hawaiian

**\$32.5M:** Museum Services Act

**\$2.3M:** African American History and Culture Act

**\$18M:** Museum and Library Services Act

Data collection/analysis & administration

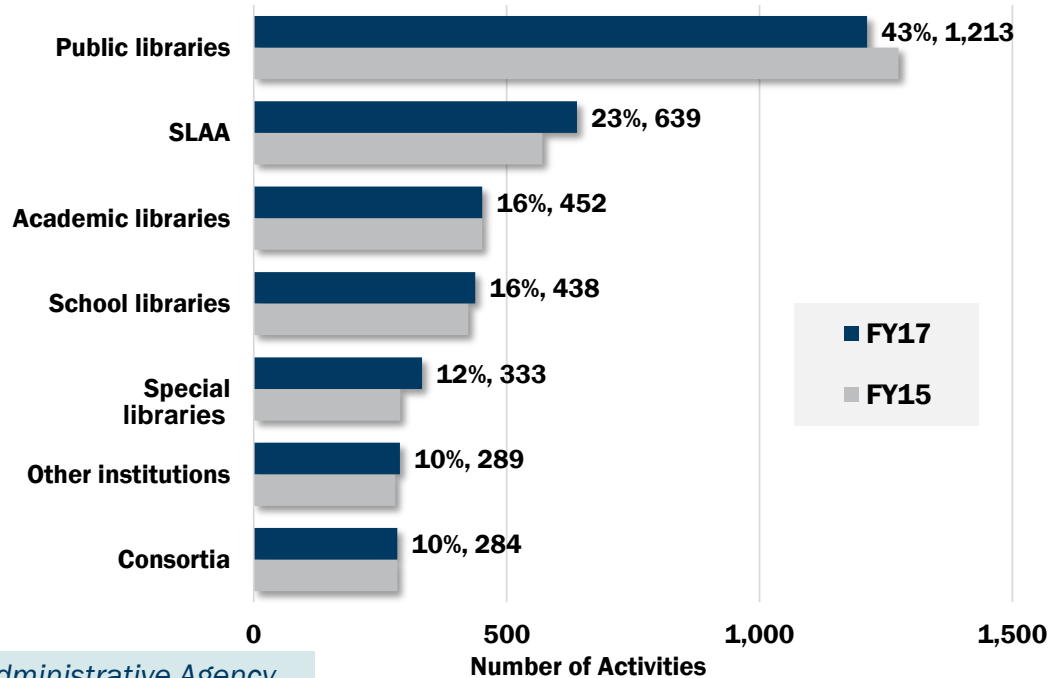


# Examples of what IMLS Can/Cannot Fund

- Salaries/consultants/student support
- Equipment/supplies
- Professional development, including travel
- CANNOT FUND: Construction/Renovation, Entertainment, Advocacy

# What Types of Libraries Benefit from IMLS Funds?

## Grants to States (LSTA) Activity Locales, FY15/FY17



SLAA: State Library Administrative Agency

Note: Activities can specify more than one locale.

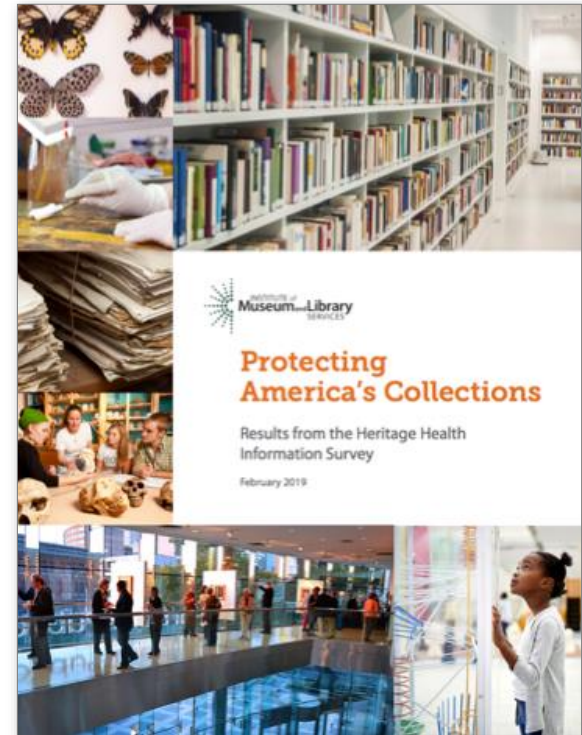
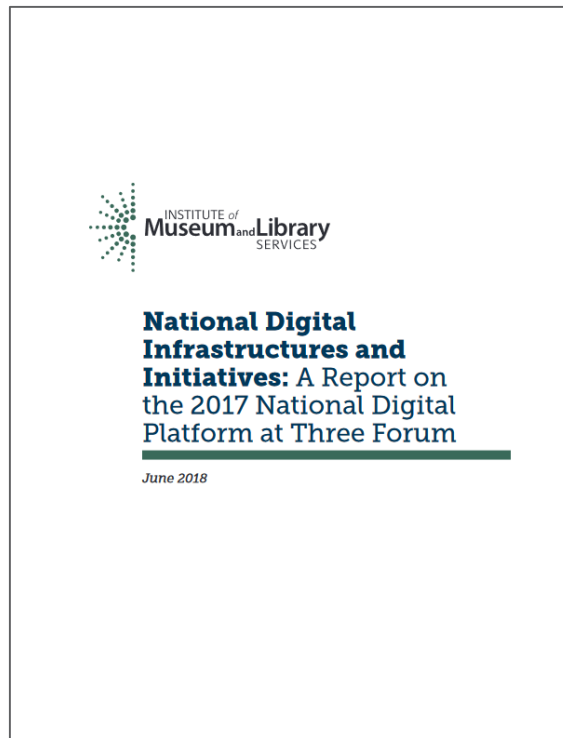
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# Grants to States (LSTA), Broadly

- \$160M+ divided across states (population-based formula)
- Each state defines its priorities for spending through a five-year plan
- Some states do offer competitive subgrants and some don't
- Each state defines its own eligible library types

# IMLS Research/Publications (Web-based)







# Examples of IMLS/LSTA Grants in Arizona

# Arizona LSTA Projects: Government Information Access

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# Grants to States (LSTA): Arizona

- Arizona's 5-year plan has 4 goals
  - Information Access
  - Informal Education
  - Inclusive Communities
  - Institutional Improvements

## 2018 Information Access projects:

- Subgrants: 5 public, 1 tribal
- State library projects: 15, including
  - State of Arizona Research Library
  - Arizona Talking Book Library
  - Statewide resource sharing & databases

# FDLP Collection Support

## Salaries:

- 1 FTE (processing & tech services)

## Equipment/Supplies:

- Laptop & cart
- Guide to U.S. Government Publications

## Professional Development:

- Conference attendance

## Travel:

- Visits to selectives
- Visits to other regionals

## Services:

- Databases
- Moving expenses

## Other projects:

- Scanner
- Arizona Memory Project platform





# Applying for IMLS Library Grants



# High-level Options

- Apply through your state library (Grants to States)
  - NOTE: only some states offer competitive grants, and eligibility varies
- Apply directly to IMLS
  - Most programs require potential for national impact
  - Cannot typically support the digitization of content or pre-digitization activities such as inventorying collections

# Apply Through Your State Library: First Steps

- Does your state offer competitive library grants?
- If yes, who's eligible? What's the deadline?
  - Check the state library website (state-by-state listing on the IMLS website)

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## Grants to States: State Profiles

The [Grants to States](#) program is the largest source of federal funding support for library services in the U.S. Learn more about how the funds are used in your state.

State	Contact	Title	State Library Address
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	Dr. Nancy C. Pack	Director	<a href="#">Alabama Public Library Service</a> 6030 Monticello Drive 36130-6000 Montgomery , AL
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	Ms. Patience Frederiksen	State Librarian and Director	<a href="#">Alaska Department of Education, Division of Libraries, Archives &amp; Museums</a> ⓘ P.O. Box 110571

<https://www.imls.gov/grants/grants-state/state-profiles>



# Apply Through Your State Library: Next Steps

- Does the five-year plan support this kind of work?
- Who can I contact for more information?
  - Check the IMLS state profile for plan highlights and contact info

## Arizona

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**Link:** [Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records](#) 

## Five-Year Plan Highlights

**Goal 1: Information Access** - Arizona's residents will have access to information in a variety of formats, tapping the capabilities of current and emerging technologies.

- Projects include:
  - Statewide databases
  - Statewide resource sharing
  - **Government information digitization**

# Other Resources from Your State Library

- Even if your state can't fund your project idea, are there other grant-funded resources you could benefit from?
  - Professional development
  - Shared resources/services
  - State library consulting





# Apply Directly to IMLS: Eligibility

- Generally, must be:
  - A unit of state/local government or non-profit institution located in the U.S., its territories, or a freely associated state
  - A library or a parent organization, such as a school district, a municipality, a State agency, or an academic institution\*

\*some programs may also include iSchools, digital libraries, library consortia and associations, etc.



# Apply Directly to IMLS: Funding Opportunities

- **Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program**
  - Supports professional development and training projects to develop a diverse workforce in libraries and archives. Up to \$1,000,000.
- **National Leadership Grants for Libraries**
  - Invests in projects that address challenges facing the library and archives fields and generate results such as new tools, research findings, or models that can be widely used. Up to \$1,000,000.
- **Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries**
  - Supports projects that strengthen the ability of small and rural libraries and archives to serve their communities. Up to \$50,000.



# Apply Directly to IMLS: Resources

- Grant programs: <https://www.imls.gov/grants/grant-programs>
  - Deadlines
  - Program Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)
  - Eligibility criteria
  - Application process
  - Staff contacts (talk with a program staff member before submission)
  - Webinars
- Awarded grants: <https://www.imls.gov/grants/awarded-grants>

# Questions?

- Contact:
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