Applying for IMLS Grants

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Congress established IMLS through the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996

An independent grant-making agency, IMLS fosters leadership, innovation & lifetime learning by supporting museums & libraries

LSTA priorities:

- Provide electronic linkages among and between libraries
- Link libraries electronically with educational, social, or information services
- Assist libraries in accessing information through electronic networks

LSTA priorities:

- Establish consortia to share resources
- Acquire computers and telecommunications technologies
- Promote library services to the underserved and persons having difficulty using the library

Library Grants to the States

- a population-based formula
- cost sharing required
- awarded annually by IMLS

State Libraries distribute funds through:

- Statewide services and initiatives and/or
- Sub-grant competitions

Eligibility

- Public, academic, research, school and special libraries

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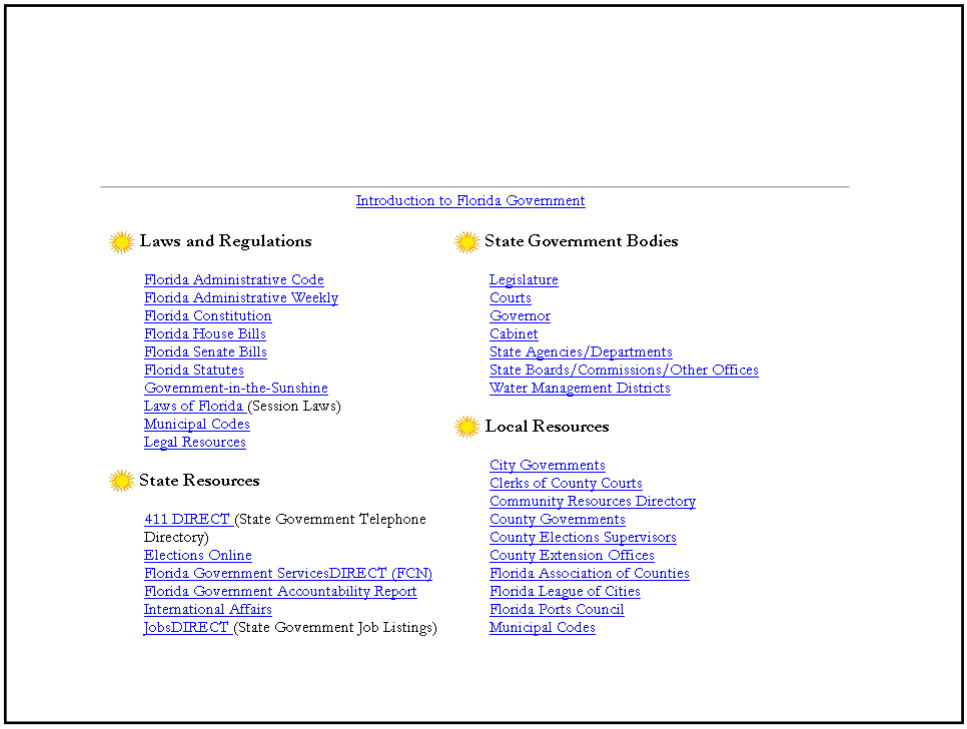
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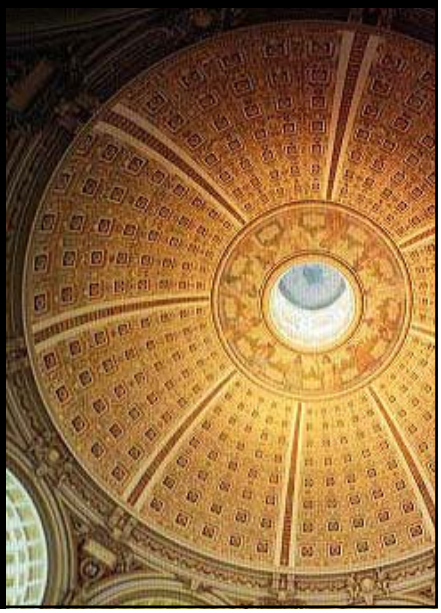
National Leadership Grants



- Up to 3 year projects
- Awards range from $15,000 to $500,000
- Cost sharing required

National Leadership Grants for Libraries

Who can apply:

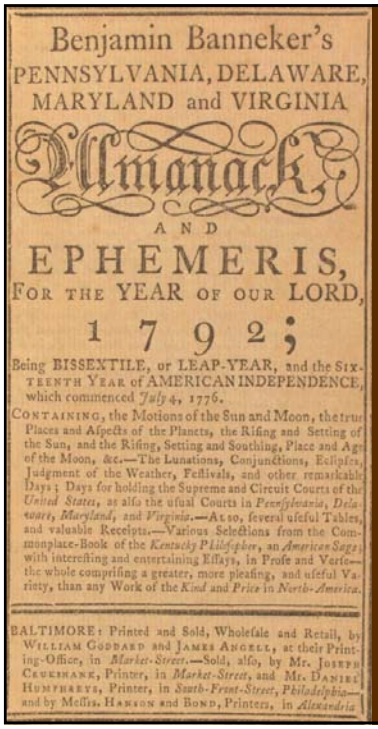
- Libraries, library agencies, consortia, associations, archives and institutions of higher education, except federal or for-profit libraries

Education & Training

- Help libraries take a leadership role in the education of lifelong learners
- Increasing the availability of librarians with advanced skills
- Training librarians to enhance people's ability to use information effectively
- Help train librarians in outcome-based evaluation

Education and Training

- University of Denver Penrose Library
- $233,204 two-year project
- The Colorado Digitization Project consortium will work with the Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Network to develop a statewide model program for school librarian and teacher training



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Preservation or Digitization

- Help libraries take a leadership role in the education of lifelong learners
- Address the challenges of preserving and archiving digital media
- Develop standards, techniques, and models for digital image management
- Preserve and enhance access to unique library resources

Digitization Project

- University of Arizona Library in Tucson
- $123,672 two-year project
- This Geographic Information Systems based project will create the Arizona Electronic Atlas, an interactive state atlas

Research & Demonstration

•Projects to help libraries take a leadership role in the education of lifelong learners in the 21st century

•Enhance library services through effective use of new and appropriate technology

•Enhance the ability of library users to make more effective use of information resources

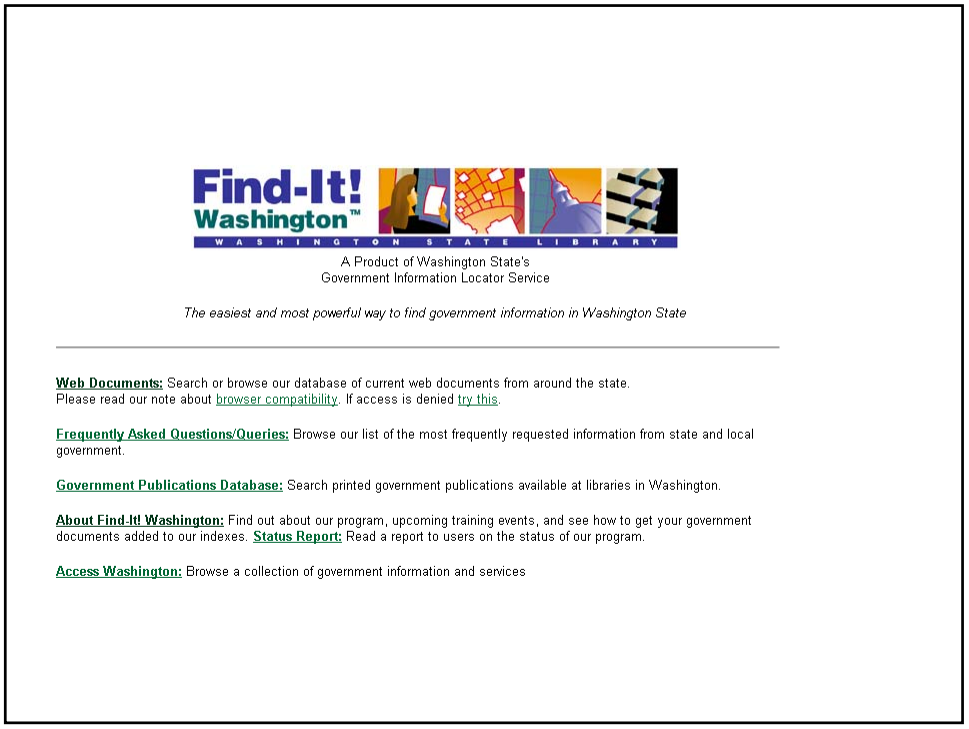
Research & Demonstration

•Assist in the evaluation of library services

•Address how people find information, how they prefer to find it, and how they benefit from information

•Development of a metadata agent to collect and broker metadata to other service providers

•Projects to add value to already-digitized collections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Research and Demonstration

- Illinois State Library
- $246,025 one-year project
- Preserving Electronic Publications will develop a framework for monitoring and evaluating changes made to electronically published state government documents to ensure permanent public access.

National Leadership Grants for Library & Museum Collaborations

Demonstrate leadership in the education of lifelong learners with emphasis on:

- using technology
- enhancing education
- serving the community

Museum-Library Collaboration

- Cherokee National Historical Society
- $249,977 two-year project
- The Cherokee Heritage Center and the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System will create eight traveling exhibits and programming packages

Your NLG proposal must...

- Creatively address issues of national concern
- Provide a model for other organizations to adopt
- Be designed using efficient and effective methods to address a problem

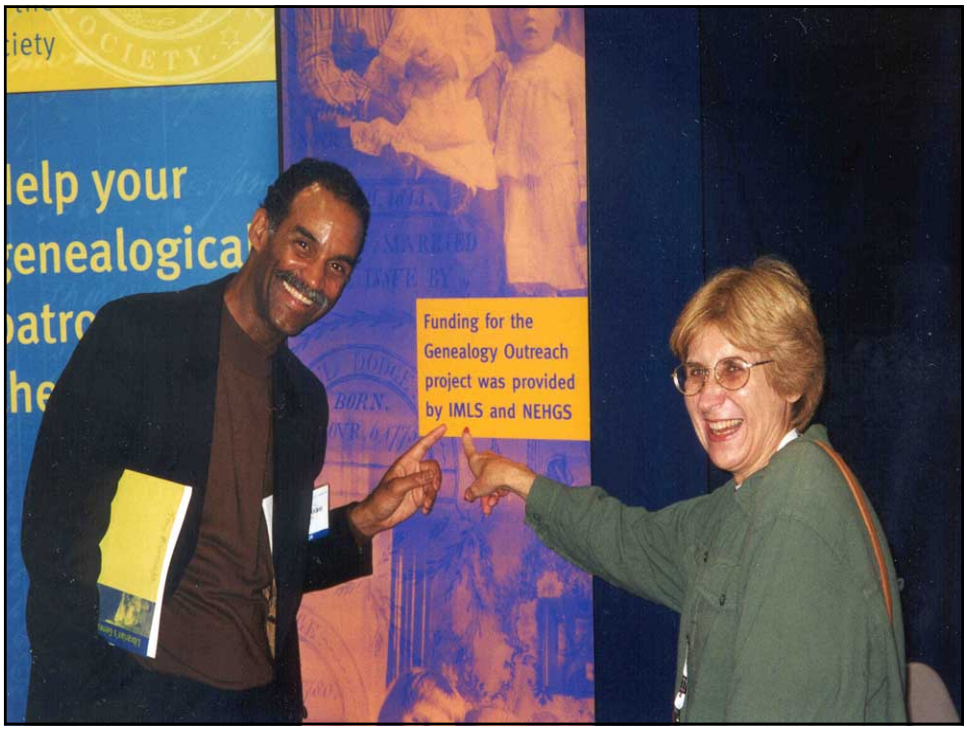
Your NLG proposal must...

- Provide evidence that the activities can be successfully completed
- Explain how the project's benefits will continue beyond the grant period
- Show that project personnel are qualified to accomplish project goals

Don't forget evaluation

- Use an assessment method that will describe clear and measurable project outcomes, findings or products
- Outcome-based evaluation is encouraged, whenever appropriate

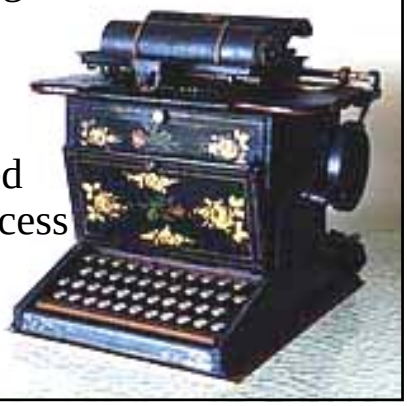
- Dissemination
  - Make the results, products or benefits understandable to a broad audience
  - It's required so include it in the budget



Projects Using Technology

•Technical Knowledge
- Exhibits knowledge of best practices
- Employs the most promising, innovative or appropriate technologies

•Information Access
- Communicates the increased availability of electronic access
- Maintains electronic access after Federal funding ends



•What is the project?

•Who is the targeted population?

•Why is this project important?

•How long will the project take?

Your NLG proposal must...

- Explain how the money, personnel, facilities, equipment, and supplies will be managed
- Show efficient use of funds

Your NLG budget must...

- Cover all resources needed for the project
- List *only* items related to project activities
- Show the applicant's commitment to the project through cost sharing

NLG Grants Applications

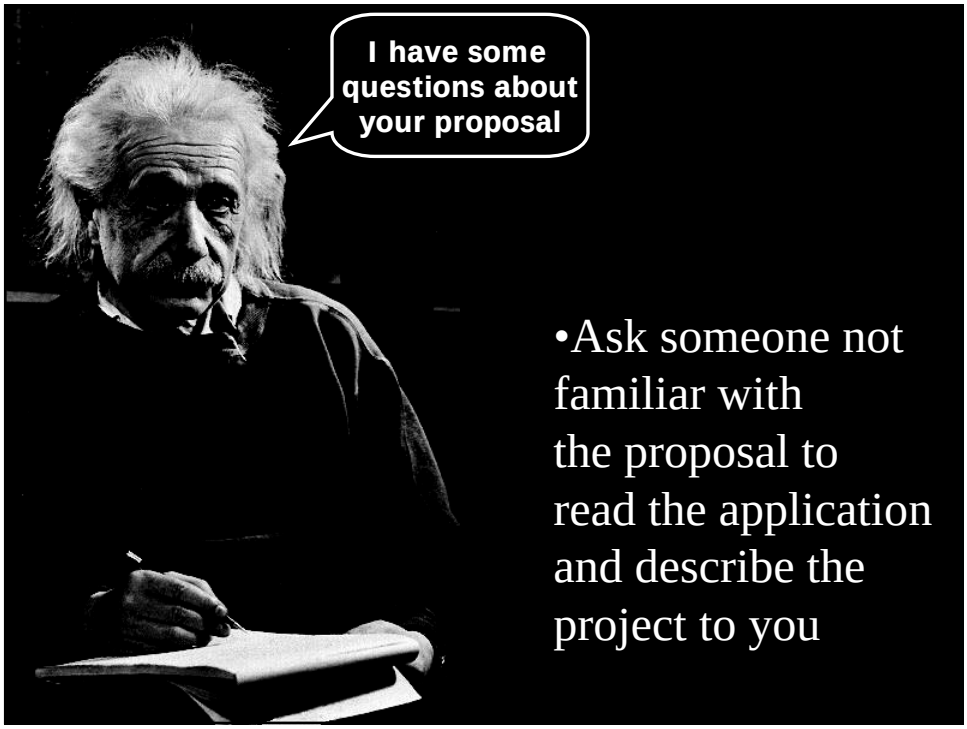
- Face Sheet
- Abstract
- Narrative
- Schedule of Completion
- Project Budget
- Organizational Profile
- Assurance/Certification
- Attachments (resumes, etc.)

Some Tips:

- Create a wish list
- Keep your resume up-to-date
- Get a partner/co-author
- Think outside the box
- Start thinking, planning, writing now

Once you've started...

- Read and follow the guidelines
- Begin with an end in mind
- Double check your math



- Ask someone not familiar with the proposal to read the application and describe the project to you

Give yourself enough time to:

- obtain required signatures
- gather supporting documents, indirect cost agreement, resumes, and other attachments.

Application Deadlines

February 1

- Education and Training
- Research and Demonstration
- Preservation and Digitization

April 1

- Library and Museum Collaboration

Applications must be *postmarked* no later than the application deadline

Retain proof that you mailed the application before the deadline

Award Announcement Dates

•Mid-July	Education and Training
•Mid-September	Research and Demonstration Preservation and Digitization Library and Museum Collaboration

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