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Institute of Museums and Libraries Services (IMLS): National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) support projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Successful proposals will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment.

IMLS will accept applications under three project categories/funding priorities: 1) National digital platform; 2) Learning spaces in libraries; and 3) STEM learning in libraries. We are particularly interested in proposals that explore the following issues:

- What will move library and archival services in the United States forward?
- What will help libraries and archives make decisions about their own investments in these areas?
- What knowledge, capacity, functions or infrastructure can libraries and archives share?

The funding categories and award amounts are as follows: Project Grant (to be negotiated), Collaborative Planning Grant (up to \$50,000), Research (to be negotiated) or National Forum Grant (up to \$100,000). The IMLS will make 5-10 awards, with the average amount of funding per award to be \$500,000. More details can be found at: [http://www.ims.gov/applicants/nlglibraries\\_guidelines\\_2015.aspx](http://www.ims.gov/applicants/nlglibraries_guidelines_2015.aspx). The deadline for **required** preliminary proposals to IMLS is October 14, 2014, with full proposals by invitation only due January 15, 2015.

**This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one proposal. Please submit your internal 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Thursday, September 25, 2014 to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line indicating: IMLS-NLG FY15 - your name.** No late submissions will be considered. The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the proposal narrative (including a description of the project director and partners; the proposed work plan; its relevance to one of the three funding priorities; its potential impact; and its projected performance goals and outcomes). The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**.

All grants must provide funds from non-federal sources in an amount that is equal to or greater than the amount of the grant (at least 1:1). No cost sharing is expected for applications in the Research category, or for applications for grants under \$250,000 regardless of category. Arrangements for meeting cost sharing requirements must be made in advance of submission of the pre-proposal. Investigators are encouraged to identify college/departmental in-kind and cash contributions, and to get approval from their Chairs and/or Deans to allocate these resources for the match. Additionally, the cost share contributions will be used as criteria for evaluation during review by the Limited Competitions Committee. The scoring will be weighted as follows: proposal narrative (70%), draft budget overview (15%), and abbreviated PI CV (15%).

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