

Field Review Criteria at a Glance – Museums for America

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

- Is the project clearly explained?
- Is the need, problem, or challenge to be addressed clearly identified and supported by relevant evidence?
- *For Collections Stewardship:* Are the materials (e.g. objects, specimens, collections) that are the focus of the project and their current condition described and quantified in sufficient detail?
- Are the people who will benefit from the project clearly identified, and have they been involved in planning this project?
- Are the intended results well formulated and achievable?
- Are the ways in which this project advances the institution's strategic plan specific, actionable, and measurable?
- Does the project align with the selected MFA project category: Learning Experiences, Community Anchors, or Collections Stewardship?

PROJECT WORK PLAN

- Are the proposed activities, technologies, and/or methodologies informed by appropriate theory and practice?
- Are the technical details including all information required using the *Digital Content Supplementary Information Form* provided for projects generating digital products?
- Do the identified staff, partners, consultants, and service providers possess the experience and skills necessary to complete the work successfully?
- Is the schedule of work realistic and achievable?
- Are the time, personnel, and financial resources identified appropriate for the scope and scale of the project?
- Does the institution provide evidence of its capacity to carry out the project activities and meet the cost-share requirement?
- Is a clear methodology described for tracking the project's progress and adjusting course when necessary?
- Is there an effective plan for communicating results and/or sharing discoveries?

PROJECT RESULTS

- Are the project's intended results clearly articulated?
- *For Collections Stewardship:* How will direct collections care, organizational capacity for collections care, and/or public awareness of the importance of collection care improve as a result of this project?
- Will the tangible products be useful?
- Are the measures of success in achieving results appropriate for the project?
- Is there a reasonable and practical plan for sustaining the benefits of the project beyond the conclusion of this grant?