

Field Review Criteria at a Glance – National Leadership Grants for Museums

STATEMENT OF NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the project clearly explained?• Is the need, problem, or challenge clearly identified and supported by relevant evidence?• Are the people who will benefit from the project clearly identified, and have they been involved in planning the project?• If a research project, is the research design appropriate?• Does the project address current needs of the museum field and/or have the potential to advance practice in the museum profession?• Does the project align with the selected NLG for Museums category: Learning Experiences, Community Anchors, or Collections Stewardship?
IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are the project's intended results clearly articulated, appropriate and realistic?• Is the plan to effect meaningful change in knowledge, skills, behaviors, and/or attitudes solidly grounded and appropriately structured?• Will the proposed project generate results such as models, tools, research findings, services, and practices that can be broadly used, adapted, scaled or replicated in the museum profession?• Is there a reasonable and practical plan for sustaining the benefits of the project beyond the conclusion of the grant?
PROJECT DESIGN
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are the proposed activities informed by appropriate theory and practice?• Are the proposed evaluation activities and performance measurements appropriate for the project? Will they result in valid, reliable, and generalizable findings?• 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?• 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?• For research projects, does the proposal answer the questions outlined in the guidance on how to write an effective research proposal?