

Panel Review Criteria at a Glance National Leadership Grants for Museums

Does the project meet the goals of NLG-Museums and the project category under which it was submitted?

The distinguishing features of NLG-Museums projects are broad impact, innovation, and collaboration. Exemplary projects:

- address a current need of the museum field
- advance practice in the museum profession
- demonstrate the potential for far-reaching impact
- strengthen museum services to benefit the audiences and communities being served
- reflect awareness and support of current strategic initiatives and agendas in the field
- align with the goals of the project category under which it was submitted:
 - *Learning Experiences*: IMLS places the learner at the center and supports engaging experiences in museums that prepare people to be full participants in their local communities and our global society. Projects should advance the museum field’s ability to provide high-quality, inclusive, accessible and audience-focused learning opportunities; provide access to collections, information, and educational resources; encourage the use of technologies; and develop programs for specific segments of the public.
 - *Community Anchors*: IMLS promotes museums as strong community anchors that enhance civic engagement, cultural opportunities, and economic vitality. Projects should advance the museum field’s ability to harness the expertise, knowledge, space, and/or other resources of museums in order to address specific community needs.
 - *Collections Stewardship*: IMLS supports exemplary stewardship of museum collections and promotes the use of technology to facilitate discovery of knowledge and cultural heritage. Projects should advance the museum field’s ability to identify new solutions that address high priority and widespread collections care or conservation issues.

Is the project poised for successful implementation?

- Demonstrates thorough understanding of relevant issues and current practices
- Addresses an assessed need
- Allocates resources for the successful completion of the project
- Connects goals and objectives to appropriate activities and intended outcomes

If funded, will the project achieve its intended results?

- Tracks, measures, and adapts in order to achieve desired outcomes
- Generates continuing benefits for the museum field

Application Overview

Share your overall impressions of the application and general comments that do not fall into one of the above categories. You will select a numeric score for the application in this section