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 supports museums in providing meaningful knowledge and enhanced inquiry skills for people of all ages and backgrounds. Successful projects will help the museum field provide high-quality, inclusive educational opportunities that address particular audience needs. We encourage projects that are based upon current research in cognitive and behavioral science as well as best practices developed in museums and other informal learning environments.
  - *Community Anchors*: IMLS promotes the role of museums as essential partners in addressing the needs of their communities by leveraging their expertise, knowledge, physical space, technology, and other resources to identify and implement solutions. By strengthening museums' capacities for civic engagement, these projects contribute to the creation of livable, sustainable communities. Successful projects will help the museum field to be highly collaborative, adopt co-creating strategies, and engage with a wide variety of stakeholders to accomplish a sustained collective impact goal.
  - *Collections Stewardship*: IMLS supports exemplary management, care, and conservation of, as well as broad access to and use of, museum collections. MLS welcomes applications for projects that help the museum field address state-of-the-art collections care and collections-information management, curation, preventive conservation, conservation treatments, database creation and enhancement, digitization, and the use of digital tools to facilitate discovery and deepen engagement with museum collections.
- align with the goals of the funding category: non-research, research, rapid prototyping

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