The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of federal funding for America’s museums and libraries. In FY 2020, the IMLS Office of Museum Services (OMS) invested $38,514,040 in museums and related organizations to support a wide range of services for their communities.

**PROGRAMS**

**Museums for America** grants strengthen the ability of individual museums to serve the public.

**Museums Empowered** grants support the professional development of museum staff to generate systemic change within a museum.

**Inspire!** grants build the capacity of small museums.

**National Leadership Grants for Museums** foster the development of new solutions to critical needs across the museum field.

**Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services** grants help sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge for federally recognized tribes and for organizations serving Native Hawaiians.

**Museum Grants for African American History and Culture** build the capacity of African American museums and support the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums.

**Special Initiatives** support other opportunities to benefit the museum field.
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Museums for America

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS

Technical Assessment Programs provide special support for small and medium-sized museums.

**MAP:** Museum Assessment Program helped 141 museums in 40 states strengthen operations and meet professional standards.

**CAP:** Collections Assessment for Preservation program helped 75 museums in 33 states improve the care of their collections.

In FY 2020, awards ranged from $5,000 to $1,000,000, with an average of $150,000.

SNAPSHOT: FY 2020 AWARDED GRANTS

- **California’s Computer History Museum** is testing machine-learning technology to make it easier for museums to make their digital collection content more accessible.

- **The Georgia O’Keeffe Museum** in Santa Fe will conduct a two-year professional development program to build capacity in diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion for all staff, board, and volunteers.

- **Oklahoma’s Sam Noble Museum of Natural History** is creating a new digital infrastructure to improve public access to its Native American Languages Collection.

- **The Jackson Hole Children’s Museum** is building science and engineering literacy for K-5th grade students by expanding STEAM programs in accordance with statewide standards.

- **Virginia Union University Museum of African Art** will pilot a paid internship program for undergraduate students to prepare them for work in museums, archives, and arts organizations.

- **The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan** will develop plans for a traveling quillwork exhibition.

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IMLS CARES

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded $13,800,000 in IMLS CARES Act Grants to 68 museums and libraries to support their response to the coronavirus pandemic. Funded projects were selected from 1,701 applications requesting $409,251,399. The CARES Act Grants for Native American/ Native Hawaiian Museums and Libraries awarded an additional $1,200,000 to 15 organizations throughout the nation.