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IMLS Frequently Asked Questions on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 President's Budget Request

Is IMLS still open for business?

Yes, IMLS remains open and is continuing its normal business operations and programs.

The President's FY 2018 budget proposes to initiate the winding down of IMLS's programs; this proposed budget is the first step in a multi-phase Federal budget process. The agency will be working closely with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress on the FY 2018 appropriations process in the coming months.

We will continue to make FY 2017 grant awards and contracts, as well as honor all obligated awards made to-date. IMLS also will continue to make payments to grantees and contractors in the normal course of business and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grants or contracts. The "Notices of Funding Opportunities" for our grant programs will continue to be posted on Grants.gov in accordance with our established deadlines, and the agency will continue its normal process of review for current applications.

What level of IMLS funding is proposed in the President's FY 2018 Budget Request?

The President's FY 2018 Budget proposes to eliminate regular program-related funding for IMLS. The Budget requests funding only for IMLS's administrative expenses in order to conduct an orderly winding down of agency operations beginning in FY 2018 (October 1, 2017).

How is the FY 2018 proposed budget different from the recently enacted FY 2017 budget?

The FY 2017 and FY 2018 budgets are separate. On Friday, May 5, 2017, Congress passed, and President Trump signed into law, the FY 2017 budget to fund the Government through September 30, 2017. Included in this legislation is \$231M for IMLS, a \$1M increase over our FY 2016 enacted appropriations. Normally the process of enacting the upcoming budget would involve Congress passing, and the President signing, a new budget before the start of FY 2018 (beginning October 1, 2017). Given recent trends in the budget cycle, we cannot be certain that the FY 2018 budget will become law by October 1, 2017, nor what that FY2018 budget will provide in terms of funding for IMLS.

What is IMLS's role during the budget process?

IMLS is an Executive Branch Agency that operates in accordance with the Administration's proposed budget, as well as Federal laws that limit lobbying and advocacy efforts.

Where can I find out more information about IMLS?

Many helpful resources about our programs and initiatives exist on www.imls.gov, including our [Awarded Grants Search](#), National Priorities and Initiatives, Project Profiles, and our UpNext Blogs. Additionally, our [Finding Information on Data and IMLS Grants](#) is a great resource for our awarded grants and data collection activities.

We also encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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