functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;  
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;  
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and  
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of Federal support for the Nation’s libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

II. Current Actions

The Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants program is designed to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities. The program goals are (1) to improve digital services to support needs for education, workforce development, economic and business development, health information, critical thinking skills, and digital literacy skills; (2) to improve educational programs related to specific topics and content areas of interest to library patrons and community-based users; and (3) to enhance the preservation and revitalization of Native American cultures and languages.

This action is to modify the eligibility criteria and to update performance measurement requirements for Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants. If approved, the program would no longer require applicants to first submit an application to the Native American Library Services Basic Grants program in the same year. This would reduce unnecessary administrative burden for applicants and awardees and allow applicants to choose the grant program(s) best suited to their needs. Updating performance measurement requirements will bring this program into better alignment with other IMLS grant programs and make it easier for applicants to comply.


Title: 2022–2024 IMLS Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity.

OMB Control Number: 3137–0110.

Agency Number: 3137.

Respondents: Federally recognized Native American Tribes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Hours per Response: 40 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,600.


Public Comments Invited: Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.


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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice To Announce Request for Information for the Modification of the Eligibility Requirements for the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Program

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: This Request for Information (RFI) is intended to gather broad input to assist the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in making a determination whether or not to modify the eligibility requirements for the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants program (Enhancement Grant). Currently, to be eligible for Enhancement Grant funding, an applicant is required to first submit a Native American Library Services Basic Grant (Basic Grant) application in the same year. IMLS is considering the elimination of this specific eligibility requirement to reduce application and administrative burdens for applicants and awardees and to allow applicants to choose the grant program(s) best suited to their needs.

DATES: Submit comments on or before Friday, October 29, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to imls-librarygrants@imls.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Both the Enhancement Grants program and the Basic Grants program are designed to assist federally recognized Indian tribes in improving core library services for their communities. See https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-enhancement-grants and https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-basic-grants for details. IMLS is committed to the continuous improvement of all its grant programs and to minimizing grant-related application and administrative burdens for its applicants and awardees. The current structure requires every applicant for an Enhancement Grant program to also apply for a Basic Grant in the same year.

The Basic Grant program is designed to support library operations and core services, including library workforce training. The Enhancement Grant program is designed to support larger and more complex library projects, including preservation. For the Basic Grant program in Fiscal Year 2021, IMLS expects to award a total of $1,900,000, consisting of 192 individual awards ranging from $6,000 to $10,000. For the Enhancement Grant program, IMLS expects to award a total of $1,200,000, consisting of 20 individual awards ranging from $10,000 to $150,000.

The Basic Grant program is less competitive than the Enhancement Grant program because essentially every eligible Basic Grant applicant receives a grant; whereas Enhancement Grant applications compete against each other and not all applications receive an award. The two programs are also financially interdependent: Funding that is not awarded from the Basic Program pool is then added to the funding available for the Enhancement Program pool. For example, if not all of the FY21 $1,900,000 funding is awarded because IMLS receives fewer Basic Grant applications than anticipated, the balance of unawarded Basic Grant funds will then be made available to the Enhancement Grant funding pool (i.e., whatever is not awarded from the $1,900,000 Basic Grants pool is added to the $1,200,000 Enhancement Grant pool).

The original reason to have a Basic Grant before applying for an Enhancement Grant was to help ensure that all Tribes received at least a basic level of funding before larger, more complex projects were supported.
However, this may place unnecessary application and grant administration burdens on applicants who wish to apply for, and carry out, only an Enhancement Grant. For example, such applicants may not want to apply for and administer a Basic Grant but are simply looking for a grant to support a larger project.

Eliminating the requirement to first apply for a Basic Grant would make it possible for Tribes to apply for an Enhancement Grant only and still allow them to apply for both an Enhancement Grant and a Basic Grant if they wish. This change is intended to give applicants the flexibility to apply for the grant(s) that best suit their needs.

Information Requested

IMLS invites input from all Tribal communities, including but not limited to individuals, Tribal governments, libraries, archives, museums, institutions of higher education, and cultural heritage centers.

Organizations are strongly encouraged to submit a single response that reflects the views of their organization and membership as a whole. IMLS asks you to consider the following when reflecting on the proposed elimination of the requirement that Indian tribes wishing to apply for an Enhancement Grant apply first for a Basic Grant in the same year:

• How might the elimination of this requirement benefit the Tribe(s) with which you have close relationships?
• How might the elimination of this requirement harm or result in an unexpected negative consequence for the Tribe(s) with which you have close relationships?
• Taking the potential benefits and negative consequences into account, do you recommend we eliminate or keep the requirement as is?
• What other suggestions do you have for improving these two grant programs?
• What else would you like to see IMLS do to minimize the grant-related administrative burden for its applicants and awardees?

Responses

Responses to this RFI are voluntary. Please do not include any personally identifiable information or any information that you do not wish to make public. Proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should not be included in your response. The Government will use the information submitted in response to this RFI at its discretion. The Government reserves the right to use any submitted information on public websites, in reports, in any possible resultant solicitation(s), grant(s), or cooperative agreement(s), or in the development of future funding opportunity announcements.

This request is for information and planning purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation or as an obligation on the part of the United States Government. IMLS will not make any awards based on responses to this RFI or pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for the Government’s use of such information.

Dated: August 30, 2021.

Kim Miller,
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board’s (NSB) Committee on External Engagement hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, September 8, 2021, from 1:00–2:00 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by teleconference through the National Science Foundation.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda of the teleconference is to plan NSB engagement activities for the fall and winter.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Point of contact for this meeting is: Nadine Lymn, nlymn@nsf.gov, 703/292–7000. To listen to this teleconference, members of the public must send an email to nationalscienceboard@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference. The National Science Board Office will send requesters a toll-free dial-in number. Meeting information and updates may be found at the National Science Board website at www.nsf.gov/nsb.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Nasdaq Rule 5750 (Proxy Portfolio Shares) To Provide for the Use of Custom Baskets Consistent With the Exemptive Relief Issued Pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940 Applicable to a Series of Proxy Portfolio Shares

August 27, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)1, and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on August 25, 2021, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Nasdaq Rule 5750 (Proxy Portfolio Shares) to provide for the use of “Custom Baskets” consistent with the exemptive relief issued pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940 applicable to a series of Proxy Portfolio Shares. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.


II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of


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