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Dated: March 5, 2026.

**Stefanie Davis,**

*Deputy General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation.*

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**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

**Notice of Funding Availability and Request for Proposals for Calendar Year 2027 Basic Field Grant Awards**

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is a federally established and funded organization that funds civil legal aid organizations across the country and in the U.S. territories. Its mission is to expand access to justice by funding high-quality legal representation for low-income people in civil matters.

In anticipation of a congressional appropriation to LSC for Fiscal Year 2027, LSC hereby announces the availability of funding for basic field grants with terms commencing in January 2027. LSC will publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) and seeks applications from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient, and high-quality civil legal services to eligible clients in the service area(s) of the states and territories identified below. The availability and the exact amount of congressionally appropriated funds, as well as the date, terms, and conditions of funds available for grants for calendar year 2027, have not yet been determined.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for grant application dates.

**ADDRESSES:** By email to [lscgrants@lsc.gov](mailto:lscgrants@lsc.gov) or by other correspondence to Legal Services Corporation—Basic Field Grant Awards, 1825 I Street NW, Eighth Floor, Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Williams by phone at 202–

295–1602 or email at [lscgrants@lsc.gov](mailto:lscgrants@lsc.gov), or visit the LSC website at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) hereby announces the availability of funding for basic field grants with terms beginning in January 2027. LSC seeks grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient, and high-quality civil legal services to eligible clients in the service area(s) of the states and territories identified below. Interested potential applicants must first file a Pre-Application. After approval by LSC of the Pre-Application, an applicant can submit an application in response to the RFP, which contains the grant proposal guidelines, proposal content requirements, and selection criteria. The Pre-Application and RFP will open in GrantEase, LSC’s grants management system, on or around April 13, 2026. Additional information will be available at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant>.

The listing of all key dates for LSC’s 2027 basic field grant process, including the deadlines for filing grant proposals, is available at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant/how-apply-basic-field-grant/basic-field-grant-key-dates>.

LSC seeks proposals from: (1) non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the provision of legal assistance to eligible clients; (2) private attorneys; (3) groups of private attorneys or law firms; (4) state or local governments; and (5) sub-state regional planning and coordination agencies that are composed of sub-state areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

The service areas for which LSC is requesting grant proposals for calendar year 2027 are listed below. LSC provides grants for three types of service areas: Basic Field-General, Basic Field-Native American, and Basic Field-Agricultural Worker. For example, the state of Idaho has three basic field service areas: ID–1 (General), NID–1 (Native American), and MID (Agricultural Worker). Service area descriptions are available at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant/lsc-service-areas>. LSC will post all updates and changes to this notice at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant/lsc-service-areas>. Interested parties can visit <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant> or reach out to [lscgrants@lsc.gov](mailto:lscgrants@lsc.gov).

State or territory	Service area(s)
Alaska .....	AK–1, NAK–1.

State or territory	Service area(s)
Arizona .....	AZ–2, NAZ–5.
California .....	MCA, CA–14, CA–31.
Connecticut .....	NCT–1.
Delaware .....	DE–1.
Idaho .....	MID, ID–1, NID–1.
Iowa .....	MIA, IA–3.
Kansas .....	KS–1.
Kentucky .....	KY–5.
Maine .....	MMX–1, ME–1, NME–1.
Michigan .....	MI–13, MI–14.
Minnesota .....	MMN–1.
Nebraska .....	MNE, NE–4, NNE–1.
Nevada .....	NV–1, NNV–1.
New Jersey .....	MNJ, NJ–8, NJ–15, NJ–17, NJ–18, NJ–20.
New Mexico .....	NM–1, NNM–2.
Ohio .....	OH–24.
Oregon .....	MOR, OR–6, NOR–1.
Pennsylvania .....	PA–25, PA–27.
Rhode Island .....	RI–1.
South Dakota .....	SD–4, NSD–1.
Tennessee .....	TN–4.
Texas .....	TX–14.
Utah .....	MUT, UT–1, NUT–1.
Vermont .....	VT–1.
Virgin Islands .....	VI–1.
Virginia .....	MVA, VA–15, VA–16, VA–18.
Washington .....	MWA, WA–1, NWA–1.
Wisconsin .....	WI–2, NWI–1.

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

**Institute of Museum and Library Services**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request: IMLS Grants to States Program “State Reporting System”**

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

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comments on this collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of

collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comments related to the IMLS Grants to States Program “State Reporting System.” A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 09, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Sandra Narva, Acting Director of Grants Management, Office of Grants Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite N-3627, Washington, DC 20210. Ms. Narva can be reached by telephone: 202-653-4634 or by email at [snarva@imls.gov](mailto:snarva@imls.gov). Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teri DeVoe, Associate Deputy Director for Grants to States, Office of Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite N-3627, Washington, DC 20210. Ms. DeVoe can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4778, or by email at [tdevoe@imls.gov](mailto:tdevoe@imls.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the 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 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

IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the Nation’s libraries and museums. The agency advances, supports, and empowers America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov).

## II. Current Actions

This Notice proposes the clearance of the IMLS Grants to States Program “State Reporting System.” The Grants to States program is the largest source of Federal funding support for library services in the U.S. Using a population-based formula, approximately \$180 million is distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) every year. SLAAs are official agencies charged by the Library Services and Technology Act (20 U.S.C. 9121 and 20 U.S.C. 9141) with the extension and development of library services, and they are located in:

- Each of the 50 States of the United States, and the District of Columbia;
- The territories (Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands); and
- The Freely Associated States (Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands).

Under 20 U.S.C § 9134, each SLAA is required to submit a plan that details library services goals for a five-year period, along with associated certifications. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 9134(c), each SLAA that receives an IMLS grant under the Grants to States program is required to evaluate and report on all funded project activities to the agency, prior to the end of the execution of its five-year plan. Each SLAA receives IMLS funding to support activities for the five-year period through a series of overlapping two-year grant awards. Each SLAA must file interim and final financial reports, and final performance reports for each of these two-year grants through IMLS’s State Program Report (SPR) system.

*Agency:* Institute of Museum and Library Services.

*Title:* IMLS Grants to States Program “State Reporting System.”

*OMB Number:* 3137-0071.

*Agency Number:* 3137.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State and Territory Library Administrative Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 59.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually for the State Program Report, once every five years for the embedded Site Visit Checklist.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 47.83 hours for the State Program Report (annually), 20 hours for the embedded Site Visit Checklist (once every five years).

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 3,058.

*Total Annual Cost Burden:* \$101,708.  
*Total Annual Federal Costs:* \$42,471.  
*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.

Dated: March 4, 2026.

**Suzanne Mbollo,**

*Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 36002; 812-15948]

### Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc. and Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc.

March 6, 2026.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”).

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) for an exemption from section 19(b) of the Act and rule 19b-1 under the Act to permit registered closed-end investment companies to make periodic distributions of long-term capital gains more frequently than permitted by section 19(b) or rule 19b-1.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants request an order to permit certain registered closed-end management investment companies to pay as frequently as twelve times in any one taxable year in respect of its common stock and as often as specified by, or determined in accordance with the terms of, any preferred stock issued by the investment company subject to the terms and conditions stated in the application.

**APPLICANTS:** Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc. and Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc.

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on December 4, 2025, and amended on December 17, 2025 and February 23, 2026.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC’s Secretary at [Secretarys-Office@sec.gov](mailto:Secretarys-Office@sec.gov) and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is