



September 2, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader,

It is my honor to invite you to a virtual Listening Session with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021**. We continue to seek your recommendations and feedback on ways to engage and support Tribal governments and institutions. For reference, [here is our Tribal Consultation Plan](#).

IMLS is a federal agency that advances and supports museums, libraries, archives, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. We provide [grant opportunities](#), including grant programs specifically available to Tribes.

Audience:

Listening to Tribal comments and perspectives of individuals is a priority for IMLS. Anyone is welcome to participate, though anyone speaking on behalf of the Tribe must be either a Tribal Leader or designated proxy. To create an opportunity for anyone who wishes to share their thoughts, we plan to utilize small group breakout sessions within the larger Listening Session. I invite you to pass this information along to Tribal leadership and staff who you feel would be appropriate to attend, such as those working with your Tribe's library, museum, archives, cultural centers, or related grants. Please be aware that there may also be others in attendance, including representatives of organizations that serve Native interests.

Tentative Agenda Items:

- Agency updates and upcoming opportunities
- Tribal Leader updates
- Introduction of IMLS Native American and Native Hawaiian grant programs evaluation
- Discussion of IMLS Native American Library Services: [Basic Grants](#) and [Enhancement Grants](#). Please see published [Request for Information](#)
- Open discussion

We welcome any other agenda suggestions you may have. If you would like to submit written comments relating to this Listening Session, please provide them before Friday, October 15. Please direct any questions, agenda items, or written comments to Brianna Ingram at bingram@imls.gov or 202-653-4616.

Logistics and Registration:

The Listening Session will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. It will be held via Zoom, which allows for video, audio, or telephone participation. [Please register in advance for the meeting using this Zoom link](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting, including a call-in number if you will not be using a computer. Registration will be open through the end of the session. I encourage you and/or a representative to register even if you may not be able to attend, so that you can receive any information, notes, and other follow-ups.

If you would like to request reasonable accommodations for the Listening Session, please inform Brianna Ingram at bingram@imls.gov or 202-653-4616 by 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

Proxy:

If you would like to delegate a proxy for the Listening Session, please fill out the attached proxy form. Alternatively, you may send an email that includes your name, your affiliation (e.g., Tribe, Nation, Village, Band), and your proxy's name. This will authorize your designee, in writing, to attend and speak in your place. This designation will expire on December 5, 2021. Please provide any proxy information to Brianna Ingram at bingram@imls.gov before Wednesday, October 6th. Your designee will need to register at the Zoom link above.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this important open discussion on October 6, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Crosby Kemper
IMLS Director