



[Lib.Staff] Update from the Vermont Department of Libraries re: IMLS Funding

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Dear Vermont Library Community,

I'm writing to provide another update on Vermont's Grants to States funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This annual allotment of federal funds supports library service throughout our state.

This year, our State's Grants to States funding was threatened with the issuance of federal executive order 14238, titled *Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy*, on March 14, 2025.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/continuing-the-reduction-of-the-federal-bureaucracy/>

At the time of my last update on May 8, 2025, the Vermont Department of Libraries had received notice of a "partial" federal fiscal year 2025 IMLS Grants to States allotment of \$619,656.

Yesterday evening the Department received welcome news from IMLS: the official award notice of Vermont's *full* federal fiscal year 2025 IMLS Grants to States allotment of **\$1,241,835**. With this federal funding, the Department is well-poised for the upcoming State fiscal year, which will begin on July 1, 2025.

The Department is continuing to watch developments in the 2026 federal budget closely as the federal administration has signaled its intention to dismantle IMLS in various budget documents including the Office of Management and Budget's **Technical Supplement to the 2026 Budget Appendix** (https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/appendix_fy2026.pdf) and **Major Discretionary Funding Changes** (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Fiscal-Year-2026-Discretionary-Budget-Request.pdf>).

The Department appreciates the continued efforts of our federal delegation in support of federal funding for libraries. Senator Sanders, Senator Welch, and Representative Balint have shown strong support for libraries by signing "Dear Appropriator" letters in the Senate and House in support of including funds for the Library Services Technology Act (and the Grants to States Program) in the 2026 federal budget.

The Department appreciates your continued efforts to communicate the importance and value of libraries in your communities. We appreciate your focus on sharing the many positive impacts of the IMLS Grants to States program upon statewide library services and how vital this funding is providing library service in our state. Vermont's Grants to States allotment supports public access to information and materials through Interlibrary Loan, the Vermont Online Library, eBooks and eAudiobooks through the Palace Project App, and the ABLE Library. The Grants to States allocation also supports the continuing education and consultation services for library staff and trustees that Department staff provide. The Department looks forward to facilitating these impactful, cost-effective programs in the coming State fiscal year and for years to come.

Sincerely,

Catherine

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Good afternoon, folks,

Please see below for good news from Vermont State Librarian Catherine Delneo on the status of IMLS funding for the VT Department of Libraries.

Best,

-Jennie

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