

Frequently Asked Questions for Grantees and Applicants In the Event of an Appropriations Lapse

- **Will IMLS accept grant applications during a government shutdown?**

IMLS accepts applications through Grants.gov, which will remain available with certain restrictions during a government shutdown. Additional information will be available on www.grants.gov.

- **Can IMLS staff be in contact with an applicant or grantee during a government shutdown?**

No. IMLS staff will be unavailable, both by email and telephone, during a government shutdown. For questions needing immediate resolution please contact Mike Jerger, IMLS Chief Operating Officer, mjerger@imls.gov, 202-653-4721.

- **Will upcoming IMLS webinars be held during a government shutdown?**

Upcoming webinars will be postponed; previously recorded webinars are located on the IMLS website.

- **Can an IMLS grantee that has an award through an IMLS grant program continue to work on their previously awarded IMLS funded project?**

Grantees may continue to work on their previously approved IMLS grant, only incurring appropriate obligations and/or expenses up to the award amount on their official award notification letter, AND only in accordance with their IMLS approved budget plan and timeline in the award. Any deliverables and/or grant award modifications requiring approval from IMLS staff will not be addressed until the government is back open.

- **Will grantees get paid during a government shutdown?**

In most cases, no. If there is an extended government shutdown (one that exceeds several weeks), the [IMLS Directive in the Absence of Appropriations](#) will be reviewed by IMLS and the Office of Management & Budget to determine if an alternate course of action must be taken. Payments will resume when the government is back open.

- **Can grantees submit grant reports and/or reimbursement requests during a shutdown?**

Grantees may continue to submit the appropriate reports and/or reimbursement requests (SF270s) during a government shutdown to grantsadmin@imls.gov and imlsreporting@imls.gov. These reports will be addressed by the appropriate staff upon returning to the IMLS office.