



## **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

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### **National Leadership Grants update**

- 172 applications for the 2001 funding year have been received and are moving into the review process
- In the library categories, Digitization or Preservation applications increased over last year's, while Education & Training and Research & Demonstration have decreased.
- Museum's Online applications have decreased slightly, but Museums in the Community and Professional Practices are up.
- What are the trends among this year's applications?
- What are some of the outstanding projects that were funded in 2000?

### **Collaboration with the National Science Foundation**

- The NSF/IMLS digital projects meeting will follow the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries this June in Roanoke.
- *digiline*, a listserv for NSF Digital Libraries and IMLS digitization project grantees started this winter.

### **IMLS Research & Technology Office update**

- IMLS' national survey on technology and digitization in libraries and museums is underway, with results due this summer.
- Training on Outcomes Based Evaluation for National Leadership Grant recipients and state library agencies is a major initiative.

### **What's next for IMLS?**

- Reauthorization of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Museum Services Act
- eLearning for staff development in both libraries and museums
- Several research projects related to IMLS programs