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### **FAIC Receives IMLS American Rescue Plan Funding**

Washington, DC –The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) has been awarded an American Rescue Plan grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in the amount of \$12,929. This grant will support a new mobile app based on the [Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel](#) and replenish supplies used by the [National Heritage Responders](#) (NHR) and [Alliance for Response](#) (AFR) networks.

“We need new and robust tools to support cultural heritage institutions as they prepare for and respond to emergencies,” said FAIC Executive Director Eryl Wentworth. “We’re proud to develop this much-requested tool that will allow organizations to quickly prioritize assistance in the wake of an emergency and ensure that our cultural heritage first responders are equipped to respond to needs across the country and in their communities.”

The free, app-based version of the Wheel will create a portable version of this resource in both English and Spanish. Users will be able to access the Wheel’s information, even while offline. This means that users will benefit from the app during widespread power or cell phone service outages associated with many emergencies. More than 172,000 copies of the Wheel are in usage, and the app will introduce the Wheel’s essential content to new audiences while giving existing users easier access.

NHR and AFR volunteers are often called upon to evaluate collections and sites in the wake of emergencies, putting them in the path of potential hazards and necessitating use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Restocking emergency supply caches will enhance FAIC’s ability to provide NHR and AFR volunteers with ample PPE, ensuring swift and effective response efforts post-disaster.

With this grant from IMLS, FAIC will be able to provide critical support throughout the cultural heritage field when emergencies arise at cultural institutions.

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The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation’s (FAIC) mission is to save cultural heritage for future generations, protecting it from decay and destruction. We advance research and education, lead treatment and collection care initiatives, and deploy conservation expertise to where it is most urgently needed. Our work empowers conservation professionals, strengthens cultural institutions, and engages stakeholders, including public audiences, as we work together to protect cultural heritage for humanity. More information can be found at [www.culturalheritage.org](http://www.culturalheritage.org).