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**IMLS, Foundation for Advancement in Conservation Announce New Collections  
Assessment for Preservation Program**  
*Applications Accepted Through September 15*

**Washington, DC**—The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) today announced a new three-year cooperative agreement to provide museums with collections conservation assessments.

Over the next three years, the Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) program will support general conservation assessments for 300 small and mid-sized museums in the United States. Participants will work with conservation and preservation professionals to receive prioritized recommendations for improved collections care.

Over 300 small and mid-sized museums have received a CAP assessment since FAIC began administering the program in 2016.

“Preserving museum collections is a core mission of IMLS, and our newly reminted partnership with the FAIC and their established excellence and leadership in conservation guarantees access to outstanding professional help for small and mid-size museums,” said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper.

“We are honored to continue working with IMLS to support smaller museums around the country,” stated FAIC Executive Director Eryl P. Wentworth. “The CAP program is often a critical step for museums committed to improving collections stewardship.”

The three-year agreement also provides dedicated support for Emergency CAPs to support institutions whose collections are affected by disasters.

Applications are currently open for the next round of program participants, with a deadline of September 15, 2021. Detailed application information is available at [www.culturalheritage.org/cap](http://www.culturalheritage.org/cap).

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

**About FAIC**

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)