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FAIC awarded IMLS grant to increase accessibility and expand audience of Connecting to Collections Care

WASHINGTON, DC— The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) was recently awarded a \$215,053 National Leadership Grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The three-year grant will allow for much-needed accessibility improvements for the Connecting to Collections Care (C2C Care) program while also supporting outreach to new audiences. This popular program helps small and mid-sized collecting institutions obtain reliable information about caring for their collections.

With this grant, FAIC will continue administration of a moderated online community forum, present free webinars on collections care topics, and develop six new low-cost online courses. All new webinar and course programming will include live captioning, and recordings will be captioned in both English and Spanish.

Additionally, FAIC will redesign the C2C Care website (www.connectingtocollections.org) to make it ADA compliant and mobile-adaptive. These improvements will make it easier for all users to find the information they need.

FAIC has administered Connecting to Collections Care since 2015. In that time, the program has presented over 100 free webinars and nine courses, built an online resource of publications and archived webinars, and provided expert advice in response to hundreds of questions posted to the community forum.

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