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## 98 Museums Selected to Receive Collections Assessments Through FAIC and IMLS's CAP Program

WASHINGTON, DC – The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced that 98 institutions have been selected to participate in the <u>Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP)</u> program.

The <u>2021 participating museums</u> represent a diverse array of disciplines, from the German American Heritage Center Museum in Davenport, Iowa, to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Virginia. These institutions serve communities in 31 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam.

"FAIC's partnership with IMLS on the CAP program began in 2016," noted FAIC Executive Director Eryl Wentworth, "and the documented benefits to museums and their collections following CAP assessments highlight the value of this program. We welcome these 98 new participant institutions and look forward to working with them."

CAP helps small and mid-sized museums improve the care of their collections by providing technical and financial support for conservation assessments of collections and buildings. Each museum will work with a preservation team comprised of a conservation professional and a building expert that will visit the institution and prepare a customized report. The assessment report allows the museum to prioritize and build support for collections care for years to come.

The CAP program is administered by FAIC under a cooperative agreement with IMLS, a federal grant making agency that supports museums and libraries.

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## 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 <u>www.culturalheritage.org.</u>

## About IMLS

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 <u>www.imls.gov</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.