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FAIC receives grant from IMLS to grow Connecting to Collections Care

WASHINGTON, DC— The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) was recently awarded a \$241,907 National Leadership Grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The three-year grant will allow FAIC to continue to enhance and expand the Connecting to Collections Care (C2C Care) program. This popular program helps small and mid-sized collecting institutions obtain reliable information about caring for their collections. The funding will support the continued administration of an online community forum, presentation of webinars on expanded collections care topics, development of six new online courses, and refinement of search mechanisms for use with the program's webinar and course archives.

Additionally, FAIC will pilot hybrid courses with online and in-person components in partnership with regional museum associations, and will collaborate with the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums to offer in-person workshops on collections care topics for tribal collecting institutions.

FAIC has administered Connecting to Collections Care since 2015. In that time, it has presented 72 free webinars and five 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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