

Urgent: Act Now to Save IMLS

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NOW is the time to speak up for museums!

On March 14, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO), [Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy](#), directing further cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an agency that is already operating at a minimum level, making up only 0.0046% of the overall federal budget. IMLS efficiently provides critical resources to libraries and museums in all 50 states and territories. This EO would essentially gut IMLS within seven days. We are in communication with our coalition partners, agency contacts, and champions on Capitol Hill to assess the full impacts of the Executive Order and will provide updates on our [website](#).

What you can do NOW:

- Call your members of Congress. Find their phone numbers and a [draft script here](#). Members of Congress are home this week, so be sure to contact their federal AND district offices!
- Write your members of Congress. Get started with our [template letter](#) and **PERSONALIZE** it with your stories! These emails have significantly more impact when you customize them and tell YOUR story to YOUR elected officials.
- Write your state and local officials using our [template letter](#).
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- Get your museum's supporters involved! You can find template language for your email and social media outreach [here](#).

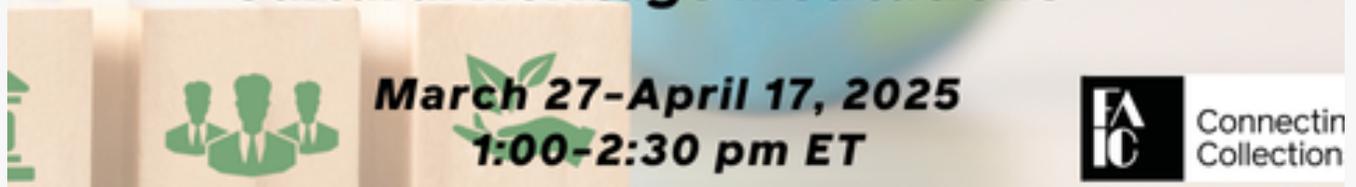
Share this information with your entire staff and board, and urge them to take action TODAY!



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C2C Care Course Sustainability Plans for Small and Mid-Sized Cultural Heritage Institutions



**March 27-April 17, 2025
1:00-2:30 pm ET**



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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

C2C Care Course Sustainability Plans for Small and Mid-Sized Cultural Heritage Institutions

Presented by:
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

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**Chad Hachtel** [March 17, 2025 at 5:56 pm](#)

My partner has spent her entire life with a passion for the arts and museums. She’s currently able to do something she loves and something she cares for. I, personally, believe we need to protect the arts and the museums. History is too important to ignore based on a monetary value. They give the public access to information they otherwise wouldn’t have, they inspire many individuals to be able to undertake the weight that life gives. Please consider how important the IMLS is. Thank you.

[Reply](#)**Shariah Hutchinson** [March 18, 2025 at 12:18 pm](#)

Please save IMLS

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Gary W Richardson [March 18, 2025 at 6:35 pm](#)

Please save library jobs and libraries

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Patsie Uchello [March 19, 2025 at 6:19 pm](#)

Please help save museums and libraries!

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Bob Lemmon [March 19, 2025 at 7:15 pm](#)

It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to keep IMLS funded. They help small museums across the country to not only stay but to keep everything in them safe. They show us our past. Let us now what are for father's went through. Let's us learn about different societies here. It is extremely important that we learn from the past as we go forth.

Thank you for your time. Please help this Organization stay funded and relevant for peoples today and those coming later.

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Clay Harshbarger [March 19, 2025 at 9:01 pm](#)

As a child, I visited several museums in St Augustine, Florida. I was awed by the history and collections of artifacts that I saw. Before those visits, I could only read about them in books. I lived in a town where there was a Native American park with a museum that brought to life those Indigenous people's culture and history. A career in the US Air Force allowed me to witness the importance of museums and libraries. Please save them for future generations to enjoy! I support I MLS.

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Marcia Harshbarger [March 19, 2025 at 9:44 pm](#)

Protecting libraries and museums is essential to what we are as a country. Getting my first library card in my early childhood was a very special event, a privilege. Museums are treasure troves of our past. Libraries and museums need the IMLS agency to continue overseeing critical resources that keep them operating.

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Genevieve Southgate [March 27, 2025 at 7:11 pm](#)

When visiting a foreign country, a trip to their museums is always on our list. Our museums are a reflection of how we value our history and that of other cultures. Museums help all people have a deeper understanding and appreciation for all that has come before and all that has been accomplished by different cultures and civilizations in this world. The universal language is expressed through art. Most countries proudly fund their museums and cultural institutions. The United States is sorely behind other countries, and now it is preparing to eliminate some important museum and Library funding. What a shame!

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Maxine Krasnow [April 4, 2025 at 5:34 pm](#)

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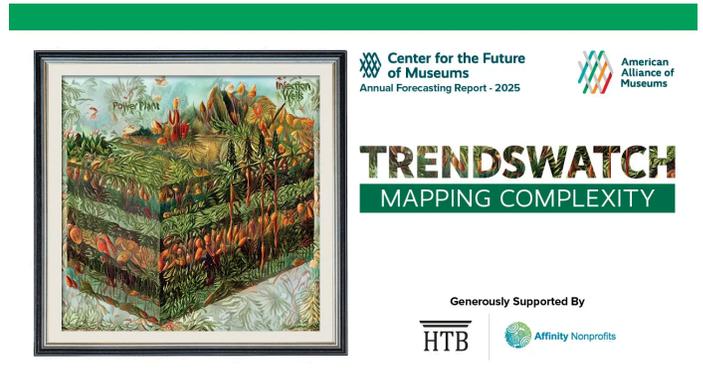


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