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Today, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced that they are accepting grant applications to the agency's FY 2007 Museums for America (MFA) program. MFA grants strengthen a museum's ability to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the museum's mission and strategic goals. It is the largest funding program for museums at IMLS, providing more than \$17 million in grants. IMLS seeks to distribute MFA grants across all types and sizes of museums, in all parts of the country.

Interested applicants can participate in one of four conference calls to gain more information and ask IMLS staff questions pertaining to the MFA grant program. Smaller museums and first-time applicants are encouraged to participate in the first call which will answer general questions such as, "Is MFA right for me?" Please use the following conference number and title in order to participate:

Title: National MFA Audio Conference

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2006

Start Time: 3:00 pm ET

Conference telephone number: (800) 274-0251

Three additional calls have been schedule for applicants who are more familiar with the application process and have more specific questions. Participants will need the conference number and titles below to participate:

Title: MFA for Midwest and Southeast

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Start Time: 2:00 pm ET

Conference telephone number: (800) 289-0746