



## Illinois Association of Museums Museum Day Talking Points 2022

### FUNDING FOR THE ILLINOIS MUSEUM COMMUNITY

#### American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

- **FY 2023 Funding Request: \$100 million** through appropriation of \$100 million from the ARPA State Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for grants to public museums. ARPA permits the state of Illinois to strategically invest in museums and educational institutions for targeted infrastructure improvements, public health expenditures, and to mitigate continuing pandemic economic hardship.

**Public Museum Capital Grants Program** (17 IL Admin Code Sec. 3200, Title 23: Education and Cultural Resources, Subtitle B: Cultural Resources, Chapter II: Department of Natural Resources, Part 3200, Subpart B: Public Museum Operating Grants Program).

- **FY23 Funding Request: \$50 million** for the Public Museum Capital Grants Program. This program is designed to help public museums in Illinois expand and upgrade facilities, create new exhibits and add amenities to meet public needs. The Illinois Public Museum Capital Grants Program is open to any museum operated by local government or located on municipally owned land. The maximum grant award has been \$750,000 and matching funds are required in many cases based on museum attendance levels.

#### Illinois Association of Museums

- **FY23 Funding Request: \$350,000** through restored state funding for the Illinois Association of Museums. All museums across Illinois -whether large or small - are economic drivers. We request a reinstatement of direct operating funding for IAM. This funding will allow IAM to positively impact the Illinois museum community, which consists of over 1,000 museums, many of which are all-volunteer. According to **Forefront's COVID -19 in Illinois: Impact on Nonprofits: programs that provide connection to experienced peers and professional expertise** is the third highest need for nonprofits in Illinois.

### SUPPORT FOR FULL FUNDING OF RELATED AGENCIES

- **Illinois Arts Council:** Every dollar invested in the Illinois Arts Council supports arts and cultural organizations – including museums – and artists across the state, and drives money directly back into the Illinois economy. For a listing of IAC grant recipients, please see: <https://arts.illinois.gov/news/iaca-announces-fy2021-grant-awards>
- **Illinois Office of Tourism:** Tourism is critical to Illinois' economy, and museums are a key component of Illinois' tourism resources. The pandemic decimated the tourism industry and we need funding to plan for a significant resurgence in tourism for 2022. Tourism grants help to keep attractions viable by providing highly needed promotional support. The number of visitors to Illinois increased by more than 26 million in the years prior to COVID-19, with tourism becoming one of the state's leading industries. In 2019, visitors spent nearly \$43.1 billion, a \$1.3 billion increase over the prior year, according to the U.S. Travel Association. Investment in tourism is critical to continuing this momentum as the COVID-19 pandemic eases. For more information: <https://www.enjoyillinois.com/tourism/>
- **Arts Alliance Illinois:** Support for the *Illinois Creative Future Fund*, which includes \$50 million in grants for Illinois museums.
- **Illinois Humanities:** Continued support for and investment in Illinois Humanities, which provides public access to high-quality speakers through its *Road Scholars* program and brings Smithsonian-produced traveling exhibitions to small-town museums through its *Museum on Main Street* program. Please see: <https://www.ilhumanities.org/division/programs-exhibitions/>