

**V. FEDERAL FUND****A.1 Program – LSTA Reauthorization – Information Item**

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The following is taken from a January 19, 2021 update from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS): “Based on our information gathering, we believe it may be some time before the decennial counts are finalized and publicly available. Therefore, this year’s allotment table will be based in the currently available Census data, and these will represent the final IMLS figures for the year.”

IMLS had a program budget increase of \$2 million, for a total of \$168,803,000. This initiates another base increase, from \$795,384 to \$833,845 for states, DC, and Puerto Rico (and for all other U.S. territories the base is \$60,000). Additionally, any changes to this year’s allotment compared to last year will be based on the following two factors: Maintenance of Effort (MOE) redistribution, at \$924K (compared to \$1.27M in 2020), and changes to population relative to other states.

Idaho’s allotment represents an increase over last year’s allotment of \$49,126 for a total of \$1,524,829. Last year’s allotment was \$1,475,703.

A chart with each state and territory’s allotment can be found at <https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/2021-01/imlslstastateallotmenttablefy2021.pdf>.

In addition to efforts to increase the IMLS Grants to State’s base amount per state to \$1 million each. Sen. Jack Reed, from Rhode Island, led efforts in 2020 to secure \$50 million for library relief in the CARES Act, introduced the \$2 billion Library Stabilization Fund Act and \$5 billion Build America’s Libraries Act, and helped secure annual funding for school and public libraries.

More information about the Build America’s Libraries Act can be found at <http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2020/12/ala-welcomes-build-americas-libraries-act>.