

administrative and program management files.

13. Securities and Exchange Commission, Division of Economic and Risk Analysis (DAA-0266-2018-0008, 11 items, 10 temporary items). Division program records for captured data, data oversight, trends analysis and risk assessment models, records supporting rulemaking and litigation, and research and outreach records. Proposed for permanent retention are taxonomies used in the data reporting system.

**Laurence Brewer,**

*Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### Institute of Museum and Library Services

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request: Proposed New Initiative: Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APPS-L)

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comments on this collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

By this notice, IMLS is soliciting comments concerning a plan to offer a new grant initiative targeted to the needs of small libraries nationwide, aligned to the updated IMLS Strategic Framework for 2018-2022.

“Accelerating Promising Practice for Small Libraries (APPS-L)” would be a special initiative of the National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by

contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before October 12, 2018.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Dr. Sandra Webb, Director, Office of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Webb can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4718 Fax: 202-653-4608, or by email at [swebb@imls.gov](mailto:swebb@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelcy Shepherd, Associate Deputy Director for Discretionary Programs, Office of Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. She can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4716 Fax: 202-653-4608, or by email at [kshpherd@imls.gov](mailto:kshpherd@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov).

## II. Current Actions

The goal of IMLS' “Accelerating Promising Practice for Small Libraries (APPS-L)” would be to support projects that strengthen the ability of small libraries to serve their community. This initiative would specifically support small libraries by funding relevant activities in specific topical areas that are clearly linked to an individual institution's broader community needs. IMLS “Accelerating Promising Practice for Small Libraries (APPS-L)” is being offered as a special initiative with funding from the National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program.

This action is to create the forms and instructions for the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the next three years.

**Agency:** Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Title:** “Accelerating Promising Practice for Small Libraries (APPS-L)” Special Initiative.

**OMB Number:** 3137-TBD.

**Frequency:** Once a year.

**Affected Public:** Library staff.

**Number of Respondents:** 150.

**Estimated Average Burden per**

**Response:** TBD.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** TBD.

**Total Annualized Capital/Startup**

**Costs:** n/a.

**Total Annual Costs:** TBD.

**Public Comments Invited:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Dated: August 10, 2018.

**Kim Miller,**

*Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or

views with respect to this permit application by September 17, 2018. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-8030, or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 670 as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

#### Application Details

*Permit Application: 2019-003*

1. *Applicant:* Caitlin Scarano, 60641 State Route 20, Marblemount, WA 98267.

#### *Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant, a writer supported by NSF's Antarctic Artists and Writers Program, would enter ASPAs 155, 157, and 158 to visit the Ross Island historic huts. The observations made during these visits will inform the applicant's writing about the Antarctic history, research, and daily life. The applicant would enter the huts with a trained guide and would abide by the management plans of all ASPAs visited. The applicant would not enter ASPA 121, Cape Royds, Ross Island. The results of this work are expected to be useful for outreach and education about Antarctica and the scientific research conducted there.

#### *Location*

ASPA 155, Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 157, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158 Hut Point, Ross Island.

#### *Dates of Permitted Activities*

November 1–December 1, 2018.

#### *Permit Application: 2019-004*

2. *Applicant:* Brenda Hall, Climate Change Institute, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469.

#### *Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Take, Import into USA. The applicant would collect samples of long-dead penguins and seals from islands in the vicinity of Pine Island Bay. The samples would be collected from beach sediments by shovel and would consist of small fragments of bone, skin, and eggshells. The samples would be imported in the United States for analysis. The applicant holds a marine mammal permit exemption letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service for the seal samples to document that the samples qualify as pre-Marine Mammal Protection Act specimens.

#### *Location*

Pine Island Bay, Antarctica.

#### *Dates of Permitted Activities*

January 15–April 1, 2019.

#### *Permit Application: 2019-006*

3. *Applicant:* Michelle LaRue, University of Minnesota, 116 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

#### *Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Harmful Interference, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs). Applicant would conduct aerial surveys over emperor penguin colonies at Beaufort Island, Franklin Island, Cape Washington, Coulman Island, Cape Crozier, and Cape Roget. Photographs of the colonies would be taken at an oblique angle at an altitude of approximately 500m from a helicopter or a fixed wing aircraft. The photographs would be used to assess the spatial extent of the colony, number of individual penguins, and habitat characteristics. The aerial surveys may involve flights over ASPAs 105, 124, and 173. The applicant would also enter ASPA 124, Cape Crozier, on foot, to photograph the emperor penguin colony if weather conditions do not allow for overflight.

#### *Location*

Ross Sea Region, Antarctica; ASPA 105, Beaufort Island; Franklin Island; ASPA 173, Cape Washington and Sliverfish Bay; Coulman Island; ASPA 124, Cape Crozier; Cape Roget.

#### *Dates of Permitted Activities*

October 15–November 30, 2018.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### STEM Education Advisory Panel; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

*Name and Committee Code:* STEM Education Advisory Panel (#2624).

*Date and Time:* September 12, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, VA 22314.

To help facilitate your entry into the building, please contact Keaven Stevenson via email at [kstevens@nsf.gov](mailto:kstevens@nsf.gov) or by phone: 703.292.8663 on or prior to September 7, 2018.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Keaven Stevenson, Directorate Administrative Coordinator, Room C 11044, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact Information: 703-292-8663/[kstevens@nsf.gov](mailto:kstevens@nsf.gov).

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education (CoSTEM) and for the Panel to identify priority areas for the next year.

*Agenda:* STEM Education Advisory Panel agenda attached. Please check the website for any additional updates prior to the meeting at <https://nsf.gov/ehr/STEMEdAdvisory.jsp>.

*Reason for Closing:* The panel will review and discuss a draft government report. This discussion must be kept confidential. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (9)(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: August 13, 2018.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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