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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS ANNOUNCED FOR NON-PROFIT MUSEUM ORGANIZATIONS

Washington D.C. - Lois Burke Shepard, Director of the Institute of Museum Services (IMS), today announced the museum associations that are the recipients of federal funds through cooperative agreements with the agency. The agreements support projects to improve museum services through the new Professional Services Program.

Competition for these funds was open to private, non-profit professional museum services related organizations. This year, thirty-three museum organizations competed for the cooperative agreement funds. All projects proposed were evaluated by a peer review panel and those selected for funding will benefit and strengthen services of the museum community at large, not just the individual organizations receiving the funds. The agency's 1988 Congressional appropriations legislation designated the funds for this program.

Six professional museum associations will receive cooperative agreements through the Institute of Museum Services. The organizations are as follows:

American Association of Museums, Washington, D.C. - To conduct a comprehensive survey of information on the museum field in

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**INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM SERVICES
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM
AWARDS - FISCAL YEAR 1989**

RECIPIENT

AMOUNT

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY
Nashville, TN**

\$16,220

AASLH will conduct a survey of historical collections documentation. This survey will be developed through regional testing in the Philadelphia area and then expanded on a national scale to address the level of, impediments to and strategies for documentation.

**LOWER HUDSON CONFERENCE: HISTORICAL AGENCIES & MUSEUMS
Elmsford, NY**

\$8,400

This alliance of four NY state museum service organizations will develop and implement seminars on critical management issues for administrators in mid-sized museums in New York and neighboring states.

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS
Austin, TX**

\$7,495

TAM will increase communications among Texas museums by publishing a technical assistance directory addressing in-state professional resources, exhibitions and collections. This will be achieved with a new database system designed to hold comprehensive information about museums.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS
Washington, DC**

\$48,395

AAM will develop program activities and materials to aid museums with an assessment of how well they meet the needs of their audiences and to identify ways that institutions can improve the quality and variety of their public activities.

**AMERICAN ASSOC. OF ZOOLOGICAL PARKS AND AQUARIUMS
Wheeling, WV**

\$10,000

AAZPA will organize a workshop where leading conservation biologists will assemble to review current scientific techniques for genetic and demographic management of species in captivity and to formulate new methodology.

**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ARTS
San Francisco, CA**

\$13,125

AFA will provide scholarship assistance to qualified minority candidates from small and medium-sized museums who would otherwise be financially unable to attend the Museum Management Institute.

**FOUNDATION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION
OF HISTORIC AND ARTISTIC WORKS**

Washington, DC

\$13,084

FAIC will develop a computerized database containing information regarding professional conservators, their geographic locations, and areas of specialization.

ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

Washington, DC

\$25,410

ASTC will produce a reference manual that will help museum exhibit designers apply the findings of ergonomic research to the development of interactive exhibits that are safer, easier to understand, and accessible to a wider range of visitors.

INTERNATIONAL SPECIES INFORMATION SYSTEM

Apple Valley, MN

\$49,258

ISIS, which provides a global catalogue of selected species to enhance long-term population management, will replace and modernize its central database. ISIS' global membership will benefit from improved accessibility for species management data.

MUSEUM SMALL CRAFT ASSOCIATION

West Mystic, CT

\$22,348

MSCA will aid maritime museums by publishing a manual on the documentation, research and stabilization of small crafts. This information will be disseminated through regional workshops and a resource center.

**THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF CULTURAL PROPERTY, INC.**

Washington, DC

\$22,765

NIC will compile collections care information through the development of a bibliographic data management system and the dissemination of photocopied articles and information concerning important maintenance and preventive care issues.

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

Richmond, VA

\$13,500

VAM will develop and provide a management training program comprised of a series of four day-long courses for museum executives in Virginia and the mid-Atlantic and southeastern regions.

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