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August 17, 1989

Dear Member of Congress:

It is my pleasure to provide you with a list of the awards under the Professional Services Program. This program provides Federal funds through cooperative agreements with professional museum associations. The agreements support proposals to carry out projects designed to strengthen museum services through such activities as technical assistance, dissemination of information, professional development activities, and professional services.

Competition for these funds was open to private, non-profit professional museum services-related organizations. This year twenty-two applications were received. All applications were evaluated by a peer review panel that selected twelve proposals. Funded proposals must benefit the museum community at large and not be limited to the individual organization receiving funds. The total amount awarded was \$250,000.

We hope you will encourage your constituent museum associations to contact IMS staff if they would like more information on this or other IMS programs. If you have any questions about IMS programs or policies, please have your staff contact Mamie Bittner, IMS Congressional Liaison, at 786-0536. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

Lois Burke Shepard
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Director

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

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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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