

**Spring Executive Committee Meeting
April 17, 2013, via conference call**

Topic: Possible IMLS Grant Application

Background: At last year's meeting with IMLS staff, YALSA was encouraged to explore ways that the Laura Bush grants program could help advance YALSA's Research Agenda. The Executive Committee may want to discuss possible strategies for moving forward with this idea.

Action Required: Discussion

In the fall of 2012 YALSA was awarded a Collaborative Planning Grant from IMLS through the Laura Bush grants program in order to hold a year-long National Forum on Libraries and Teens. The purpose of this type of grant is to support activities that are required in order to fully develop ideas/proposals for a National Leadership Grant. So, a logical next step is to build on YALSA's first Collaborative Planning Grant by applying for a National Leadership Grant. There are two types of National Leadership Grants:

- Research: this supports projects that have the potential to inform and improve library practice, resource use, programs and services.
- Demonstration: this supports projects that use available knowledge to address key needs and challenges facing libraries and transform that knowledge into formal practice.

Based on the gaps identified via YALSA's Research Agenda, as well as preliminary information coming out of the Forum, it makes sense for YALSA to apply for a research grant. This type of grant can enable YALSA to fund costly research and to gather much needed data as outlined in Priority Area 1 of YALSA's Research Agenda.

Possible Next Steps

- Identify a research question(s) that will be the focus of the proposal
- Develop a plan for how the question(s) will be investigated (incl. what data will be gathered and analyzed in order to answer the posed question(s) and how the results will be communicated)
- Identify and recruit grant writer(s)
- Write and submit the proposal by Sept. 2013

Additional Information

- IMLS Laura Bush grants web page: www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=9
- National Forum: www.ala.org/yaforum
- YALSA Research Agenda: www.ala.org/yalsa/guidelines/research/researchagenda