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‘Iolani Palace to Receive Federal Grant to Develop Exhibit Plan

Honolulu, HI— ‘Iolani Palace is pleased to announce it will be the recipient of a \$65,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to plan new exhibits for its basement galleries. IMLS recently announced nearly \$30,000,000 in grants to museums across the nation. ‘Iolani Palace is receiving one of the 244 awards through the agency’s grant programs.

IMLS Director Susan Hildreth will present a workshop and ceremony on Capitol Hill, on September 18, to recognize the 2013 museum winners and to highlight successful applicants and awards. The event will showcase the many ways museums support learning experiences, serve as community anchors, and are stewards of cultural and scientific heritage through the preservation of their collections.



"We are very honored to be receiving this federal grant. The many stories of Iolani Palace and the Hawaiian monarchy have been waiting for so long to be told, and these funds will enable us to begin sharing even more with our guests from around the world," said ‘Iolani Palace Executive Director Kippen de Alba Chu. The grant was awarded under the ‘Learning Experiences’ category and will provide funding for the Palace to plan new exhibits that appeal to a wider range of visitors and learning styles. It will allow for a larger, deeper story to be told that will resonate with both local and international audiences.

“IMLS recognizes three valuable roles museums have in their communities: putting the learner at the center, serving as community anchors, and serving as stewards of cultural and scientific collections,” said IMLS Director Susan Hildreth. “It is exciting to see the many ways our newly announced grants further these important museum roles. I

congratulate the slate of 2013 museum grant recipients for planning projects that advance innovation in museum practice, lifelong learning, and community engagement.”

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov and follow IMLS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the ‘Iolani Palace

‘Iolani Palace is the only official residence of royalty in the United States. King Kalākaua was the first reigning monarch to travel around the world and built ‘Iolani Palace in 1882 to enhance the prestige of Hawai‘i overseas and to mark Hawai‘i’s status as a modern nation. For more information, please call ‘Iolani Palace at 522-0822 or visit the website at www.iolanipalace.org



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