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City of El Paso Museum of History Awarded \$500,000 Grant from Institute of Museum and Library Services

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso is proud to announce that the El Paso Museum of History (EPMH) has been selected to receive a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The award will support a refresh of the museum's permanent exhibition.

"We are honored and elated to receive this recognition from IMLS," said El Paso Museum of History Director Erica Marin. "This funding will empower our staff to embark on a comprehensive exhibition update, ensuring community members and visitors can access the highest quality presentation of the borderlands' history."

The museum's permanent exhibition, "Changing Pass: People, Land, & Memory," spans more than 1,000 years of El Paso del Norte regional history, beginning with early Indigenous communities and continuing through the 20th century, including World War II and the Bracero Program.

The award is provided through IMLS' Museum Grants for American Latino History and Culture (ALHC) program, which supports projects that strengthen the capacity of American Latino museums to serve their communities and advance the professional workforce within American Latino institutions. The El Paso Museum of History's \$500,000 award represents the largest grant amount available through the ALHC program.

The EPMH grant application was developed in coordination with the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16).

"This \$500,000 IMLS grant underscores the importance of preserving El Paso's rich heritage and making it accessible to future generations," said Congresswoman Veronica Escobar. "I am proud to have advocated for federal funding that strengthens our cultural institutions and supports our history."

The El Paso Museum of History is part of the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD). More information, including hours, exhibitions, and programming, is available at [EPMuseumofHistory.org](https://www.epmuseumofhistory.org).

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 libraries and museums. They advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. IMLS envisions a nation where individuals and communities have access to museums and libraries to learn from and be inspired by the trusted information, ideas, and stories they contain about our diverse natural and cultural heritage. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov and follow IMLS on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/imls) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/imls).

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