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The Sixth Floor Museum Receives Collections Stewardship Grant from Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Grant will support the inventory of more than 50,000 items in the Museum's collections

DALLAS, TX – October 11, 2016 –The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza is pleased to receive a Collections Stewardship grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in support of an ambitious three-year project to inventory the Museum's entire collection of more than 50,000 items related to the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

The \$150,000 grant will allow the Museum to improve intellectual control over its collection and obtain a more accurate count and record of items within the collection, which will provide improved ease of access and searchability for both staff and researchers.

"This grant will greatly help the Museum build on our continued objective to become the world's first and best-known resource for materials related to the Kennedy assassination, and to make these resources available to the broadest possible audience," said Nicola Longford, executive director of The Sixth Floor Museum. "As the Museum continues to grow, we must strive to maintain our high standards of excellence in the long-term preservation of our extensive collections, and this funding will be essential in allowing us to achieve that goal."

The project was one of 206 to receive funding from IMLS through their highly competitive Museums for America program this year, and one of just seven in the state of Texas.

"As centers of learning and catalysts of community change, libraries and museums connect people with programs, services, collections, information, and new ideas in the arts, sciences and humanities. They serve as vital spaces where people can connect with each other," said IMLS Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. "IMLS is proud to support their work through our grant-making as they inform and inspire all in their communities."

Curatorial staff will also use the inventory process to identify objects for conservation and highlight objects of particular interest online as part of the Museum's social media initiatives.

The Museum's collection numbers more than 50,000 artifacts, images, documents, audio and visual recordings, oral histories and other documentation of the assassination of President Kennedy and the cultural legacy of that event. They include a first-generation copy of the 8mm home movie of the assassination film by Abraham Zapruder, Lee Harvey Oswald's wedding ring, the hat worn by Jack Ruby at the time of the Oswald shooting and more than 1,500 oral histories from people with personal insights into the life, death and legacy of President Kennedy. The great majority of the collections are donated by supporters who want these materials preserved for future generations.



About The Sixth Floor Museum

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza chronicles the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy; interprets the Dealey Plaza National Historic Landmark District and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza; and presents contemporary culture within the context of presidential history. The Museum serves as an impartial, multi-generational destination and forum for exploring the memory and effects of the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, through sharing his legacy and its impact on an ever-changing global society. Located at 411 Elm Street in downtown Dallas, the Museum is open Monday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday – Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Audio guides for the permanent exhibit are included with admission and available in English, Spanish, German, French, Brazilian Portuguese, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese, as well as ASL. For more information, visit www.jfk.org or call 214.747.6660. Follow the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Twitter](#).

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