- (b) An applicant must be prepared to show one of the following as proof of timely mailing:
- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other dated proof of mailing acceptable to the Director.
- (c) If an application is mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, the Director does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:
  - (1) A private metered postmark.
- (2) A mail receipt that is not date cancelled by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (d) The Director of IMLS may publish, in applicable application notices and program guidelines, additional ways in which an application can be submitted to the agency electronically.

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# § 1180.33 Applicants must meet procedural rules.

The Director is authorized to make a grant only to an eligible applicant that submits a complete application, including attachments, on or before the dead-line.

### §1180.34 [Reserved]

#### §1180.35 Group applications.

- (a) Eligible applicants may apply as a group for a project grant.
- (b) If a group of applicants applies for a grant, the members of the group shall either:
- (1) Designate one member of the group to apply for the grant; or
- (2) Establish a separate, eligible legal entity, consisting solely of the applicant group, to apply for the grant.
- (c) The members of the group, or entity, shall enter into an agreement that:
- (1) Details the activities that each member of the group plans to perform; and
- (2) Binds each member of the group to every statement and assurance made by the applicant in the application.

- (d) The applicant shall submit the agreement together with its application.
- (e) If the Director makes a grant to a group of eligible applicants, the applicant for the group is the grantee and is legally responsible for:
  - (1) The use of all grant funds; and
- (2) Ensuring that the project is carried out by the group in accordance with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and requirements.
- (f) Each member of the group is legally responsible for:
- (1) Carrying out the activities it agrees to perform; and
- (2) Using the funds it receives under the agreement in accordance with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

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## §1180.36 Rejection of an application.

- (a) The Director rejects an application if:
  - (1) The applicant is not eligible;
- (2) The applicant fails to comply with procedural rules that govern the submission of the application;
- (3) The application does not contain the information required;
- (4) The application cannot be funded under the authorizing statute or implementing regulations.
- (b) If the Director rejects an application under this section, the Director informs the applicant and explains why the application was rejected.

#### § 1180.37 Rejection for technical deficiency—appeal; reconsideration; waiver.

- (a) An applicant whose application is rejected because of technical deficiency may appeal such rejection in writing to the Director within 10 days of postmark of notice of rejection.
- (b) If an application was rejected because material did not accompany the application, the Director shall reconsider the application upon receipt of material in a timely manner.
- (c) As has always been the practice of IMLS, the Director waives the requirement in these regulations of certain