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# El Paso Museum of History Named Finalist for 2024 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service

**El Paso, Texas** — The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced that the El Paso Museum of History is among 30 finalists for the 2024 National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

El Paso Museum of History is one of three institutions in Texas to be selected as a finalist for this award. The El Paso Museum of History was previously a finalist for this award in 2022.

The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries demonstrating significant impact in their communities. For more than 25 years, the award has honored institutions that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities.

“Recognition as a finalist for the second time in two years is a testament to the quality of work being done by our staff and the engagement of our community at the El Paso Museum of History,” said Quality of Life Managing Director Ben Fyffe. “We are proud to continue offering our community a rich multicultural and multi-faceted history of our Border region.”

“The El Paso Museum of History is honored to be a finalist for the IMLS National Medal,” said El Paso Museum of History Director Erica Marin. “It validates and qualifies the urgent work being done to expand the range of voices centered and celebrated in our public spaces. As a part of this shared experience of living on the Border, the El Paso Museum of History has worked against previous status quos to develop a culture of community-first and community-led exhibitions.”

To celebrate this honor, IMLS is encouraging El Paso Museum of History’s community members to share stories, memories, pictures, and videos on social media using the #ShareYourStory and #IMLSmedals hashtags, and engage with IMLS on [Facebook](#), [X/Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). For more information, please visit the [IMLS website](#).

The National Medal winners will be announced in late May. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions during the National Medal Ceremony this summer in Washington, D.C.

### 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. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, 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.

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