

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) announced today that the University of Maryland and its partner the American Library Association Office of Government Relations have received a \$499,977 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant will fund 15 scholarships for Master of Library Science students with a concentration in e-government.

“With e-government services rapidly expanding, we have an important opportunity to make government more open, transparent, and accessible to the American people,” **stated Congressman Hoyer**

. “This grant will ensure our students have the education and skills necessary to understand the nature of government information, manage its online presence, and help us better serve the public’s needs.”

The grant is one of 32 awarded out of a total of 106 applications submitted to the Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup>

Century Librarian Program, a grant program that supports efforts to recruit and educate librarians and faculty, as well as research related to library education and library staffing needs, curriculum development, and continuing education and training.

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. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. Click [here](#) for more information.