Types of Museum Building and Public Spaces

Of the 206 museums that responded to our survey

- 15% are located in buildings built as museums
- 20% are located in buildings that were repurposed for museum use.
- 42% are located in historic structures, most of which have landmark status

With such a high percentage of our museums in historic structures, access to capital funds is a critical issue.

State capital funding eligibility is contingent upon ownership or long-term lease. 49% of respondents own the building(s) they occupy, 18% operate under a lease, 8% occupy a donated space, and 5% have a combined leased/donated agreement.