

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

# Save America's Treasures

The Save America's Treasures (SAT) competitive grant program preserves nationally significant historic and cultural resources. Grants are available for preservation and conservation work on historic districts, buildings, sites, and objects as well as collections, including artifacts, museum collections, documents, and works of art. Through funded projects and community engagement, SAT grants enable a richer and more diverse American history to be told.



The Barnum Museum in Bridgeport, CT received \$500,000 to repair and restore 79 historic windows. The museum is nationally significant for its association with its founder and benefactor P. T. Barnum, who reshaped American concepts of family entertainment and culture with the invention of the circus in the second half of the nineteenth century.

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## Background

In 1998, President Clinton issued an Executive Order creating the Save America's Treasures Program, providing funding both for preservation projects and collections work. The National Park Service administers the program in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Unlike many other federal competitive grant programs, the SAT program requires dollar-for-dollar private matching funds. After lapsing in FY 2011, Congress renewed its commitment to the SAT program in FY 2017. Between FY 2017 and FY 2019, Congress appropriated \$31 million, supporting a total of 99 grants, including approximately 80 grants for preservation projects. More than \$21 million, or roughly 70% of the recently awarded funding, has gone to bricks and mortar, job-creating projects.

## FY 2023 Appropriations Request

**Please support \$35 million for the Save America's Treasures program in the FY 2023 Interior Appropriations bill.**

**APPROPRIATIONS BILL:** Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

**AGENCY:** National Park Service

**ACCOUNT:** Historic Preservation Fund

**ACTIVITY:** Save America's Treasures grants

### Recent Funding History:

FY 2020 Enacted Funding:	\$16 million
FY 2021 Enacted Funding:	\$25 million
FY 2022 Enacted Funding:	\$26.5 million
FY 2023 President's Budget Request:	\$25 million
<b>FY 2023 NTHP Recommendation:</b>	<b>\$35 million</b>

**JUSTIFICATION:** Over the life of the program, application requests have far outpaced available federal support. Significant funding is needed to help restore and conserve our nationally significant structures, collections, and artifacts. The Save America's Treasure program helps to tell a more inclusive American story and creates well-paying, preservation-related jobs and invests in local communities.

## Save America's Treasures Grant Awards by State and Territory, FY 1999–FY 2020

The SAT grant program's completed restoration and preservation projects include Martin Luther King's Ebenezer Baptist Church and the iconic Star-Spangled Banner that flew above Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 and that now hangs in the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. Many diverse sites and stories have also benefited from the funding opportunities provided by the SAT grant program, including the poems carved by Chinese immigrants into the walls of Angel Island; Mesa Verde's cliff dwellings and associated collections of Native American artifacts; the complex at Fort Snelling; and the Harriet Tubman House in Auburn, NY.



The City of Rochester, MN Parks and Recreation Department received a \$383,650 grant to support the rehabilitation of the Plummer House Water Tower. The Plummer House was home to Dr. Henry Plummer, an early partner at the Mayo Clinic. The water tower on his estate is an example of the novel and modern innovation Plummer championed at this home and the Mayo Clinic.

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Alabama: \$10,931,202	Missouri: \$5,176,362
Alaska: \$4,268,532	Montana: \$3,722,081
Arizona: \$4,760,186	Nebraska: \$2,214,000
Arkansas: \$4,005,032	Nevada: \$4,479,102
California: \$19,181,418	New Hampshire: \$2,562,543
Colorado: \$5,269,435	New Jersey: \$5,243,130
Connecticut: \$8,072,764	New Mexico: \$8,535,654
Delaware: \$2,743,305	New York: \$36,124,083
District of Columbia: \$14,470,333	North Carolina: \$4,414,032
Florida: \$6,828,614	North Dakota: \$1,072,973
Georgia: \$5,528,019	Ohio: \$14,660,166
Hawaii: \$2,042,342	Oklahoma: \$2,091,361
Idaho: \$1,880,103	Oregon: \$2,852,696
Illinois: \$7,086,155	Pennsylvania: \$27,525,795
Indiana: \$4,729,662	Puerto Rico: \$1,700,546
Iowa: \$5,758,149	Rhode Island: \$7,381,519
Kansas: \$2,639,269	South Carolina: \$6,251,050
Kentucky: \$6,937,547	South Dakota: \$2,054,079
Louisiana: \$3,244,017	Tennessee: \$2,273,359
Maine: \$2,702,198	Texas: \$11,875,859
Maryland: \$7,423,525	Utah: \$1,918,464
Massachusetts: \$18,567,569	Vermont: \$6,576,630
Michigan: \$4,550,383	Virginia: \$9,564,176
Midway Islands: \$308,681	Washington: \$7,416,493
Minnesota: \$3,968,362	West Virginia: \$5,402,062
Mississippi: \$8,179,500	Wisconsin: \$7,395,059
	Wyoming: \$1,903,433