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The National Historic Preservation Act and its resulting cultural, educational, and economic benefits over the past 40 years, have been vital to fostering a preservation ethic across the nation.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

FUNDING FOR SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES

Bricks and Mortar Grants for the Nation's Most Significant Historic Properties

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STATUS

In the President's FY2008 budget recommendations, Save America's Treasures (SAT) received \$10,000,000. SATs' recommendation is one third of what the program has received over the past several years, that is, \$30 million.

SAT leverages millions of additional dollars from foundations, corporations, and individuals, and has literally made the difference in saving hundreds of nationally significant historic sites around the country. Every federal dollar granted must be matched by a non-federal dollar, thus doubling its value. A reduction in SAT funding would send the wrong signal to the private sector – a message that would seriously compromise the program's goals and undermine the leveraging value of the government's stewardship role in the places and objects that tell America's story.

Funding for Save America's Treasures (in millions)

FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08 (Request)
30	30	33	29.6	29.8	12.6	30

REQUEST

Support \$30 million for Save America's Treasures (SAT). With broad bipartisan support in Congress and the leadership of First Ladies in both the Clinton and Bush Administrations, SAT funds have brought new life to irreplaceable historic treasures – including buildings, documents and works of art – in every state.

SAT has also provided tremendous benefit to projects at National Park Service sites such as Ellis Island, Valley Forge, Thomas Edison's Invention Factory, Mesa Verde, Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill Cottage, and Dr. Martin Luther King's Ebenezer Baptist Church. More than 19% of SAT's private funding – over \$11 million – has been designated for NPS sites in dire need of these additional resources. This complements another \$12 million in SAT federal challenge grants to NPS sites.

While much has been achieved in the eight years since SAT was established, the need remains great. In just the first five years of the program, 1,648 grant applications were received, representing requests for more than \$773 million in critical preservation assistance. SAT funds have made a huge difference, but without maintaining last year's funding levels it will be virtually impossible to stimulate private matching contributions of an equal share.