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Library of Virginia Receives Save America's Treasures Grant

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The Library of Virginia has been awarded a *Save America's Treasures* grant in the amount of \$110,000 for the conservation of the gubernatorial papers of Thomas Jefferson, the first grant for the Library from this highly competitive program. The Library is one of only four Virginia institutions receiving a grant this year. Save America's Treasures is a matching grant program. For every dollar of federal funds awarded, the grantee must supply a dollar-for-dollar match of nonfederal funds.

The correspondence, letters, and documents pertaining to Thomas Jefferson's service as the second governor of Virginia bring to life the daily challenges faced by him and other leaders during the Revolutionary War and while drafting the Articles of Confederation and addressing frontier relations. This Save America's Treasures grant will facilitate the preservation and digitization of the collection, ensuring public access to these valuable materials.

"The Library of Virginia is delighted to have this opportunity to participate in the Save America's Treasures program," said Librarian of Virginia Sandra G. Treadway. "The state's archives contain a myriad of treasures such as the records of Jefferson's term as governor—treasures that tell not only Virginia's story, but the nation's. We are grateful for the recognition that this prestigious grant brings as well as for the financial assistance toward conserving this unique Jefferson material."

The Library was one of 61 recipients from a pool of several hundred applicants. The grants are made in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Save America's Treasures private partner, the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the grants, 61 organizations and agencies will conserve nationally significant cultural and historic sites, buildings, objects, documents, sculptures, works of art, and collections.

Each federal partner oversees the SAT awards to projects that reflect that agency's mission. This year, the National Park Service will administer grants to 29 projects focused on structures and sites. The remaining 32 projects address the needs of documents, artifacts, and collections and will be administered by the NEA, NEH, and IMLS.

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