

## **House Approves FY'07 Spending Bill; Campaign to Restore SAT Competitive Grants Underway in Senate**

May 19, 2006 - The House passed the FY'07 Interior Appropriations bill on May 18th by a vote of 293-128 and approved the funding levels passed by the Appropriations Committee last week for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), including: \$35.717 million for the States; \$3.94 million for the Tribes; \$14.8 million for Save America's Treasures (SAT) earmarked grants (but no competitive grants); \$3 million for Preserve America grants; \$1 million for Historically-Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); 13.8 million for national heritage areas; and \$5.118 million for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Funding for heritage areas was removed from the HPF account and restored to its traditional place under the Park Service's National Recreation program account.

Prospects for restoring SAT competitive grants will rest with the Senate, which will wait until the full House approves the Interior spending bill before proceeding with mark up of the bill. In the interim, the National Trust is launching a grass roots campaign to urge the full Senate and appropriators to reject the 50% cut to the Save America's Treasures program.