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The U.S. Department of the Interior has approved a \$200,000 Save America's Treasures matching grant to repair the roof and foundation masonry at the Daniel Boone Home in Defiance, MO.

Work at the Boone Home, constructed in the early 1800s, was one of 63 projects chosen nationwide out of 452 applications, according to the Dept. of the Interior. Lindenwood acquired the Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village in 1998.

All work funded by the grant will relate directly to preservation of the historic property in the Femme Osage Valley. LU officials expect work to begin in the spring.

"The Boone Home is one of St. Charles County's historic gems," said Lindenwood President Dennis Spellmann. "We are thrilled that Save America's Treasures has selected it for preservation support."

The Save America's Treasures Program addresses the urgent preservation needs of the nation's most significant historic sites and collections. Laura Bush, honorary chair of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Human Services said, "The story of America is told through historic architecture, arts and writings. The money provided by Save America's Treasures will help preserve the pieces of our heritage for future generations."

The Boone Home and Boonesfield Village are flourishing under the ownership of Lindenwood University. Lindenwood acquired this 261-acre piece of our national history in 1998 and pledged to restore and enhance the popular tourist attraction.

The Boone Home and Boonesfield Village remained open for public tours and the beautiful Old Peace Chapel was still available for weddings as Lindenwood began acquiring adjacent property and purchasing forgotten historic buildings to restore them at Boonesfield Village. Lindenwood's plan is to turn the village into the "Sturbridge of the Midwest," modeled after Old Sturbridge, a recreated 19th Century New England Village about an hour west of Boston.

The SAT federal grants program is administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the National Park Service, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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