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HSP Awarded Capital Grant from the William B. Dietrich Foundation for Façade Restoration and Lighting

Philadelphia, PA (December 9, 2021) - The Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP) is honored to be the recipient of a generous capital grant from the William B. Dietrich Foundation to repair, restore, and illuminate the façade of its historic building at the corner of 13th and Locust Streets. The project will include critical masonry work, marble restoration, painting, and exterior illumination to highlight the restoration of HSP's architecture.

"HSP is proud to restore and illuminate its nationally important landmark building. Both our mission and our contribution to the fabric of our neighborhood will be enhanced by the work we will accomplish," said HSP President & CEO David R. Brigham.

HSP's library sits on the site of what was the mansion of General Robert Patterson. HSP acquired the mansion in 1884 and made numerous renovations under the guidance of Philadelphia architect Addison Hutton. The current building was dedicated in 1910, and is the country's first completely fireproof library. In 1975 it was listed on Philadelphia's register of historic places and is a fine example of Colonial Revival architecture.

HSP's nationally significant collections are unrivaled in their breadth and depth, and they are used by thousands of genealogists, scholars, and other researchers each year. Further, HSP hosts thousands of students and adult learners for workshops, lectures, displays, and other public programming. The fully restored envelope will protect and safeguard HSP's collections, ensuring they are available for research and interpretation for generations to come.

The project will be completed in 2022.

About the Historical Society of Pennsylvania
The Historical Society of Pennsylvania is a provider of education and information for the people of Philadelphia and beyond. With over 21 million documents—including manuscripts, graphics, and ephemera—spanning the 16th to 21st centuries, HSP serves more than 3,000 on-site researchers annually and millions more around the globe who use its resources online. HSP offers extensive online resources including digital collections, curricular materials, and it hosts educator workshops, public programs and lectures throughout the year. HSP is also a chief center for the documentation and study of ethnic communities and immigrant experiences in the 20th-century, and one of the largest family history libraries in the nation. For more information, visit http://www.hsp.org.