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## Grant awarded to Tudor Place Historic House & Garden Inspire! Grants for Small Museums

**Washington, DC** – Tudor Place Historic House & Garden has been awarded an Inspire! Grant for Small Museums through the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS) on July 22, 2021. The grant will enable Tudor Place to assemble and share a collection of resources related to the enslaved individuals who lived and worked at this site.

While Tudor Place has some information related to enslaved individuals in its Archive, the museum recognizes that this information is not sufficient for presenting to its audience an accurate and complete portrayal of their lives, the history of Tudor Place or urban slavery in Washington, DC. To address this gap in knowledge, Tudor Place will coordinate with stakeholders and partner institutions to assemble a collection of resources on enslaved individuals at Tudor Place. It will use this new content to revise its site tour, train its docents, create an exhibition and present a lecture series.

The IMLS received applications from 202 organizations that requested grants totaling \$8,634,902 through the Inspire! Grants for Small Museums initiative. Thirty awarded grantees will receive a total of \$1,172,324 and voluntarily match these awards with an additional \$588,304. *“As pillars of our communities, libraries and museums bring people together by providing important programs, services and collections. These institutions are trusted spaces where people can learn, explore and grow,”* said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. *“IMLS is proud to support their initiatives through our grants as they educate and enhance their communities.”* Tudor Place Historic greatly appreciates the support of the IMLS for this project. Inspire! Grants are a special initiative of the Museums for America grant program, and designed to help address priorities identified in a museum’s organizational strategic plans [IGSM-249243-OMS-21].

**ABOUT TUDOR PLACE:** Tudor Place preserves the stories of six generations of descendants of Martha Washington and the enslaved and free people who lived and worked at this National Historic Landmark. By examining their legacy, we challenge ourselves and our visitors to celebrate the triumphs and to confront the complexities of the past. A model of Federal-period architecture, the museum holds over 18,000 decorative objects, including the largest Washington Collection outside of Mount Vernon. Tudor place sits on 5 ½ acres in the heart of Georgetown. Open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon – 4PM. [www.tudorplace.org](http://www.tudorplace.org)

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