



Request from the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission

2027 is Vermont's signature 250th anniversary year commemorating the founding of the Vermont Republic and our key role in the Revolutionary War.

- We have amazing stories to share!
- Our Vermont story is more diverse than commonly known.
- We need to shine a spotlight on these under-represented stories.
- Sharing these diverse stories can unify us and increase civic engagement.
- We need the lessons that history can teach us... perhaps more now than ever.
- Engaging with our citizens and our youth in particular to share these stories is essential in building pride of place that will encourage our youth to want to stay and raise families of their own in Vermont.

The Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission has done great work so far in our efforts to bring history alive and to educate both our youth and our citizens in general about Vermont's proud role in making world history. We had originally asked for \$250,000. While we understand that amount is not possible, we respectfully request that a minimal amount of \$75,000 be allocated to continue this important work to cultivate the next generation of stewards of our shared history. This is a once in a lifetime request... one that previous generations have honored, and one we should as well.

Allocating this additional funding will have significant impact throughout the state helping communities remember and commemorate this important milestone.

SUGGESTED USE OF EXISTING FUNDS AND REDUCED FUNDING REQUEST:

Amount as of February 12, 2026 from appropriations FY21 (\$25,000 administrative) and FY24 (\$117,000 project based) = **\$41,464.84**

Reduced funding request = **\$75,000**

1. **Implementation Grants** to municipalities, non-profits, libraries, and educational organizations for community programming that will commemorate Vermont's place in the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. **\$50,000**
2. **Signature event(s)** in 2027 to focus on the Vermont Republic and Constitution, Northern Department Campaign, and Battles of Hubbardton and Bennington. **\$20,000**
3. **Marketing for awareness**, including sponsorship of educational programming, promotional signage/ flags, media, and stickers/magnets. **\$18,000**
4. **Educational Events** like the Vermont Alliance for Social Studies, Vermont Tourism Summit, Vermont History Day, history conference for Vermont colleges and universities, work with schools and libraries. **\$15,464**
5. **Promotion of student and community programming** to be displayed at the State House, State Historic Sites, Historical Societies, Museums, and Vermont Supreme Court. **\$1,500**
6. **Support of Anniversary Commission** reimbursement and per diem to members for attending planning meetings, conferences, and promotional events. *Administrative costs as originally planned for this remaining funding* **\$1,500**