

America250MI History Grant Program Application - Tier 1

For individuals/organizations applying for Tier 1 \$2,500-\$5,000 with no match.

The America250MI History Grant Program will help fund projects of all sizes that interpret, preserve or explore Michigan's history. Round 2 opens on November 1, 2025, and closes on January 15, 2026.

America250MI is Michigan's statewide committee tasked with commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the American Revolution's role in Michigan's history over the past 250 years and the impact that these, and various other historical developments, have on the people of Michigan.

Please note: Grant applications cannot be saved in progress. If you would like a copy of your grant application after submitting, please email America250MI@gmail.com. Requests for a copy of your application may take up to 48 hours to fulfill.

* Required

Project Information

Project title, request amount and SIGMA ID

1. Project title *

2. Request amount (must match the amount requested on your budget worksheet) *

3. SIGMA ID Number (All applicants must be registered with SIGMA VSS. To register visit:
<https://sigma.michigan.gov/PRDVSS1X1/Advantage4>) *

Applicant/Project Sponsor

The lead applicant will be the fiscal agent for the project and will be responsible for final reporting.

4. Organization *

5. Contact name *

6. Job title *

7. County *

8. Address *

9. Website

10. E-mail *

11. Phone number *

Narrative Details Part One

Project description, scope, timeline and impact

12. Type of project (choose all that apply) *

- ☐ Access
- ☐ Capital improvements
- ☐ Collections management
- ☐ Digital projects
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Exhibits
- ☐ Interpretive signage
- ☐ Planning
- ☐ Preservation
- ☐ Programs
- ☐ Publications
- ☐ Research
- ☐ Technology/software

13. Project description - What do you plan to do? What aspects of Michigan's history will you focus on? How does this fit with your organization's mission and goals? (maximum 250 words) *

14. Project scope - What work and resources will you need to complete the project? (maximum 250 words) *

15. Project timeline - What is the schedule for the activities and milestones needed to complete the project? (no maximum, Timeline can be listed by months or quarters of a year.) *

16. Organization/applicant expertise- What expertise and resources will you rely on to complete this project? (maximum 150 words) *

17. Project impact and enduring value - What are the goals for the project? How do you expect the project to affect your organization and your community long term? How will the project expand our understanding of Michigan history? (maximum 250 words) *

18. Measures of success - How will you measure success? What are the project deliverables? (maximum 150 words) *

Narrative details part two

Connection to America250MI themes, partner collaborations, accessibility.

19. Which America250MI theme(s) does your project relate to? (choose all that apply) *

- ☐ Unfinished Revolutions - The struggle for liberty and freedom before, during and after the American Revolution.
- ☐ Power of Place - How history is connected to physical places.
- ☐ We the People - Celebrates what being a "Michigander" means today.
- ☐ American Experiment - How American democracy and civic institutions have changed over time.
- ☐ Doing History - Highlights what history is, how it is done and why it matters.

20. America250MI themes - How does your project connect to the America250MI theme(s)? How has this project been inspired by the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence? (maximum 500 words) *

21. Project collaboration - What community organizations or stakeholders will partner in the design, development and implementation of this project? How will this project help you build lasting relationships among these partners? What will a successful partnership look like? (maximum 250 words) *

22. Audience access - What audiences will you engage with through this project? How will these audiences access this project? (maximum 150 words) *

Communications plan

23. How will you promote this project and connect to other America250MI activities? (maximum 150 words) *

Budget, Match Details, IRS Designation Letter and Additional Information

Please send your budget worksheet, IRS designation letter and any other additional information you wish to include in your application to America250MI@gmail.com. The budget worksheet is available to download in the America250MI website Grant Portal.

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