

America 250 Mini Grant Request

Looking Back, Stepping Forward; The Pathways To Freedom

Hosted by

- The Chester County History Center
- The Kennett Underground Railroad Center
- West Chester Dance Works

West Chester Dance Works aims to highlight a range of perspectives as part of the America 250 celebration. As Black History Month approaches, it's an ideal time to explore American freedom from multiple viewpoints. To further this goal, West Chester Dance Works is partnering with the Chester County History Center and Kennett Underground Railroad Center to create a program focused on community engagement and the history of Chester County, particularly relating to the Underground Railroad and the ongoing national pursuit of liberty and justice. The event will feature panel discussions, dance performances, interactive activities for families, and museum access. This gathering is intended to spark interest in Chester County's role in American history and set the stage for upcoming events hosted by these organizations. This event kicks off America 250 Black History Month and fulfills the Chester County America 250 themes of "Path to Freedom" and "Arts and Expression"

This event will be open to the public at no cost and will be promoted through multiple group networks. Funding is essential to achieving these objectives and ensuring that the event is impactful. By broadening perspectives, encouraging curiosity, and advancing historical literacy, this event aims to benefit our wider community.

The History Center museum will open for guest's access on their own at 1:00pm with the presentations beginning at 2:00pm. The event's presentation length would be one hour.

Costs will include:

- Dancer compensation-\$900.00
- Museum usage- \$300
- Refreshments-\$300
- Research and materials \$300
- Additional administrative support-\$450

Total \$2250.00

Thank you for your consideration,

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