

Request for Funding

"Kennett Square Juneteenth Jubilee: Celebrating 250 Years of American History"



Event Overview:

The "Kennett Square Juneteenth Jubilee: Celebrating 250 Years of American History" event will take place on June 20, 2026, from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Kennett Library. This community-focused celebration aims to honor the historical significance of Juneteenth while highlighting the 250-year journey of American history, fostering unity, education, and cultural appreciation within our diverse community.

Objectives:

- Educate attendees about the significance of Juneteenth and its role in American history.
- Celebrate African American culture through music, food, and community engagement.
- Foster a sense of unity and inclusivity among residents.

Event Details:

1. Historical Presentations and Workshops:

Local historical reenactors, historians, storytellers and community speakers will provide engaging presentations and interactive workshops exploring the history of Juneteenth, the story of emancipation, and the holiday's enduring significance in American history and civic life.

2. Music and Spoken Word Performances:

Live performances by stilt walkers, poets, local artists, dancers and drummers will bring vibrant energy to the celebration, showcasing the rich artistic traditions of African and African American cultures through jazz, gospel, soul music, drumming, and spoken-word poetry.

3. Children's Freedom Zone:

Young participants can learn about the meaning of Juneteenth through hands-on arts and crafts activities, such as coloring a Juneteenth flag and making a freedom bracelet. The area will also feature youth drumming circles and opportunities for children to share poetry or spoken word reflections on freedom. A “Freedom Pledge Wall,” where children can write or draw what freedom means to them. They will also enjoy face painting and balloon artists.

4. Soul Food and American Refreshments:

A selection of traditional soul food items and diverse American cuisine will be provided to attendees, promoting cultural heritage through culinary experiences.

5. Food Trucks:

Local food trucks will be invited to offer a variety of dishes and desserts in celebration of Juneteenth, highlighting culinary traditions associated with African American culture while enhancing the festive community atmosphere.

6. Security:

Professional security personnel will ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all attendees.

7. Decorations:

The venue will be adorned with themed decorations that reflect Juneteenth and American history.

8. Signage:

Informational signage will be placed throughout the venue to guide attendees and provide educational content.

9. Marketing & Promotion:

A marketing campaign will be launched through social media, local newspapers, and community boards to ensure widespread awareness and participation.

10. Photography/Videography:

A professional photographer will document the event, capturing moments to share with the community and use for future promotions.

Program Budget:

Budget Item	Description	Amount
Historical Presentations	Honoraria and expenses for historians, reenactors and cultural presenters: 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Daisy Century as Sojourner Truth	\$1,500
Music Performances	Fees for stilt walker Mafala Thomas, musicians, drummers, dancers, and sound support	\$1100
Children's Freedom Zone	Fees for storyteller Bettinita Harris, face painters, balloon artists and art teacher	\$900
Soul Food Refreshments	Traditional refreshments for community attendees	\$1,100
Food Trucks	Vendor stipends to provide additional food options, ice cream, water ice.	\$1,500
Security	Event safety personnel and crowd management	\$250
Decorations	Cultural décor, 12 outdoor tables and 50 chairs, display materials, and flowers	\$1100
Signage	Directional signage, banners, and printed event signs	\$500
Marketing & Promotion	Flyers, social media promotion, advertising, press releases, Eventbrite ticketing, and outreach	\$750
Photography	Professional photography and documentation	\$1,000
Total Project Budget	Estimated: 450 ATTENDEES	\$9,700

This funding will support cultural programming, community engagement, food service, event safety, promotion, and program documentation.

Conclusion:

Funding the "**Kennett Square Juneteenth Jubilee: Celebrating 250 Years of American History**" event will not only honor an important historical milestone but also strengthen community bonds and foster a deeper understanding of our shared heritage. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to the possibility of partnering with you to make this event a success.

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Thank you for considering this opportunity to support an important community celebration!