



REQUEST

AMERICA250 GRANT APPLICATION FORM (AS OF 4/9/26-FINAL FUNDING REQUESTS)
CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

An electronic version of this application is available at <https://cccf250.org/planning/>

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Year Incorporated: 1704

FEIN #: 236000377

Note: Please attach a copy of your 501c3 letter with this request. Per IRS regulations, grants can be awarded to nonprofit charities and municipalities, but NOT individuals nor businesses.

Organization Field of Interest

<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts, Culture, Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment, Animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health & Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Justice, Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Municipality/Governmental	If other, please describe:			

A lot	Some	A little	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This inspires & engages a wide array of people in commemoration of America's founding with our Revolutionary Declaration of Independence.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This connects Chester County's stories to the nation's past, present & future.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This commemoration is truly by the people, for all people. We invite wide input & welcome all to actively participate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This examines & fosters fundamental rights of Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness for All.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We zoom in to CCCF250 planning meetings to share information & ideas.
Date: Yes 8/29			We plan to include a Dare to Declare reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Amount Requested from the Community Foundation:

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,250	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,250	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$5,250
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Please **BRIEFLY** describe how this funding will help your programs, services, activities and/or events to celebrate and commemorate the 250th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence, and our continuing journey toward liberty and justice for all. Include any details about Dare to Declare readings of the Declaration of Independence – especially date/time/place.

What are you doing? When? Who will it impact? What difference do you aim to make?

What will it cost overall? Who are you partnering & coordinating with?

Please e-mail this grant request with your 501c3 letter to grants@chescof.org

Let Freedom Ring & Dare to Declare grant decisions are made weekly.

Questions? Contact Grants Officer Paige Mardsen (610) 696-8211 grants@chescof.org

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Let Freedom Ring Grant Application

Picnic in the Preserve: Kennett Township Celebrates America250

What is the program you are seeking funding for?

Kennett Township, in partnership with the Kennett Township Historical Commission, is planning *Picnic in the Preserve: Kennett Township Celebrates America250*, a free, family-focused community event to be held on Saturday August 29, 2026 (rain date: Sunday August 30, 2026) at Spar Hill Farm & Preserve as part of the national America250 commemoration.

Set on a Township-owned historic farm property, the Spar Hill Farm & Preserve is an ideal location to transport residents into a living interpretation of colonial life in Chester County. The event will offer an accessible, informal public experience through living history demonstrations, recreations of popular colonial children's game, a live musical performance of patriotic selections, and a Dare to Declare. Residents and visitors will engage with storytelling and interactive educational stations alongside local community partners. The format is designed as a relaxed, drop-in experience that encourages broad participation across age groups.

The Township intentionally selected the date of the program as a late-summer event to avoid competing with other regional and local activities celebrating Independence Day and the Battle of Brandywine. August 29, 2026, also coincides with the last summer weekend before Kennett Consolidated School District resumes for the 2026-2027 school year. This program will be advertised to engage residents with the goal of strengthening community connection to early American history and encouraging reflection on the nation's 250-year journey toward liberty and justice for all.

What will the overall cost be?

The total estimated cost will be \$15,000.00. Expenses include event programming and demonstration support, temporary infrastructure (tents, seating, sanitation), public safety support, and marketing materials. The Township expects donations-in-kind for use of public safety and Township staffing for event operations, financial support from local businesses, and a dedicated Township budget of \$3,000.00. The \$5,250.00 grant funding would allow the Township to pursue a robust marketing campaign, including digital and print materials and direct-to-consumer mailing advertising the event. Any remaining funding will support acquisition of a variety of branded merchandise to be distributed to event attendees including Kennett Township branded stadium cups, event program booklets, and foldable hand fans.

Who are you partnering & coordinating with?

Kennett Township will coordinate the event in partnership with local cultural organizations, regional farms and agricultural producers, and community arts and heritage groups. The Township is finalizing contracts for multiple entertainment options to perform at the event. These include live music presented by Lenape Brass Ensemble, living history demonstrations by Colonial PA Farmstead, and several local food & beverage vendors. The Township secured the participation of the office of State Representative Rep. Christina Sappey to support the event, providing copies of the Constitution and tabling space to provide information on state and federal matters. The Township will also work with local public safety partners and internal departments to ensure safe and effective event operations. The Township is seeking additional partnerships with the Kennett Consolidated School District and high school students to participate in the event with invitations to in ways that best aligned with the interested student group programs and community service goals.

Through this initiative, Kennett Township seeks to provide an accessible and meaningful public experience that connects residents to local colonial history while contributing to a broader, regionally coordinated America250 celebration effort.