

Rhode Island Semiquincentennial (RI250) Commission was established to plan Rhode Island's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2021.

The mission of the RI250 Commission is to commemorate the 250th anniversary of events throughout history which influenced the ideals of freedom, equality, and independence in our country. Our purpose is to highlight and acknowledge the significant role Rhode Island has played in the formation of our nation as one of the original 13 colonies. Rhode Islanders will explore the intersection of all people who have impacted that history through coordinated events and curriculum that recognizes the many people who have inhabited these lands.



Our Goals for the Semiquincentennial

- **Commemoration** – Highlight Rhode Island’s unique Revolutionary history.
- **Education** – Expand civic learning and engagement.
- **Community** – Empower local and regional participation.
- **Tourism** – Drive visitors to Rhode Island through heritage-based programming.
- **Legacy** – Strengthen partnerships, preservation, and public pride beyond 2026.



Notable Events & Programs

Signature Initiatives

- *Revolutionary Rhode Island* Teacher PD Series – launching statewide in 2026.
- Statewide grant program for community-led events and projects to promote programming across our state
- Partnerships with WaterFire, local historic sites, and cultural institutions.
- RI250 Honor Flight to honor our veterans in May 2026



RI250 Grant Program

- Supports vibrant, inclusive public programming that tells this history
- Encourages collaborations among historical, cultural, and civic organizations

Two funding tracks:

- Local Committees (town-level, up to \$5k)
- Statewide Initiatives (town, regional or statewide, up to \$10k)



RI250 Grant Program

- Align with RI250 mission and themes
- Demonstrate community impact & inclusivity
- Promote partnerships and co-branding with RI250
- Deadlines & review process timeline



Co-Branding Opportunities

- Access to official logo & branding guidelines
- Opportunity to be part of a unified statewide commemoration
- Visibility on RI250 website, calendar, and communications
- Collaborative promotion with partners



What to Expect Moving Forward

- 2025: Build momentum – programs, education initiatives, local planning
- 2026: Major commemorations across the state
- Ongoing support from RI250 staff and Commission



How to Get Involved

- Apply for grants: <https://rhodeisland250.org/ri250s-grant-program/>
- Partner on programming: <https://rhodeisland250.org/submit-your-event/>
- Use RI250 branding
- Share your community's story: <https://rhodeisland250.org/share-story/>
- Follow updates: website, social media, mailing list



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