

# Vermont 250<sup>th</sup> Community Planning Grants



# Grant Basics

- \$1,000 grants available
- Can support activities that help to define and move forward programs, events, and resources for 2026-2027
- Current round of grants supports activities from June 2024-September 2025



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- Grants are community based
- Activities that follow 250<sup>th</sup> Themes
- Can cover almost any cost
- Partnerships are encouraged!



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- Next deadline: May 15, 2024
- Following deadline: July 15, 2024
- Brief online application (Part 1)
- Speed Tests for Vermont Covered (Part 2)



# 250<sup>th</sup> Themes

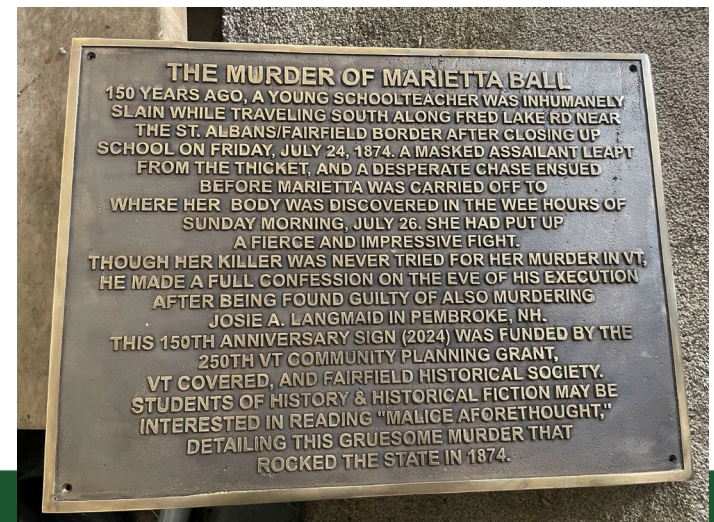
- Increase relevance of 250th history by expanding the historical narrative to include a greater diversity of perspectives and experiences.
- Utilize resources from other states and past commemorations.
- Connect national history to regional and local levels and include local communities, arts and cultural institutions, historical societies, and state and local governments.
- Develop programming that relates to pressing public issues.
- Promote arts and cultural heritage. □ Increase school participation or provide organizations and teachers with relevant content.
- Increase public awareness of 250th commemorations.
- Relate to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America.
- Highlight the role of Vermont's military experience during the Revolutionary War.
- Highlight the role Vermonters played in the American Revolution, and give voice to the many different ways in which diverse Vermonters experienced the time period and were impacted by its legacy.
- Encourage Americans to remember our past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a promising future.



# Example Projects

## Fairfield Historical Society, Fairfield

The Fairfield Historical Society will sponsor events and resources to commemorate the 150th Anniversary (2024) of the infamous murder of Marietta Ball, who was killed walking from Fairfield to Saint Albans in 1874, and whose case turned the region upside down with xenophobia and classism. Components would include author talks, permanent historic signage, and school programs about historic bias, legal process, and due court process.



# Example Projects

Worcester, Vermont Historical Society, Worcester

The grant will fund planning for a focused event at the annual Worcester Arts Festival, sponsored by the Worcester, Vermont Historical Society, dedicated during the anniversary year focusing on the 250th celebration. Local artists will be encouraged to contribute artistic endeavor of any genre, including performance, related to the theme. A division for children and youth will be included. After the main event, exhibits will be created to be displayed in public buildings in the Town.

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## Town of Pomfret, Vermont 250th Anniversary Committee, Pomfret

The Town of Pomfret, through its Vermont 250th Anniversary Committee, seeks to enhance citizen engagement and awareness of the upcoming historic anniversaries through a series of projects, events and other activities. This will include a new website for the Pomfret Historical Society, uploading new digital resources, and a community event to unveil the project and educate attendees about upcoming 250th anniversary programming in Pomfret and around Vermont, and inspire others to join the Committee's efforts.





# Tips & Ideas

- Look at review criteria
- Doesn't have to be about 250 years ago
- Don't wait
- <https://vermonthistory.org/250th-lhs-resources/>



# Questions?

