



# **GIVE 250**

## **CONNECTICUT**

SUPPORT LOCAL 250<sup>TH</sup> PROJECTS  
OCTOBER 27-31, 2025

# Overview

## **Give 250 | CT Overview**

**Goal:** Enable local committees and affiliate organizations to raise funds for their 250<sup>th</sup> initiatives, while raising the profile of America 250 | CT Commission and securing support for statewide initiatives

**Time Period:** Monday, October 27 at 7 AM – Friday, October 31 at 7 PM

**Eligible Organizations:** America 250 | CT Affiliates who are 501(c)3 organizations  
Municipalities and/or their 501(c)3 designees

# Administration

CT Humanities will administer Give 250 Connecticut, but all activities conducted with funds raised must be eligible non-profit activities, operated by either a 501(c)3 non-profit, a municipality, or their 501(c)3 designee

CTH will solicit sponsors to fund prizes to incentivize both giving and participation, and expand funds available to local committees

See website for [fee breakdown](#)

# **July Give 250 Connecticut Recap**





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LEADERBOARDS

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250 HOURS OF LOCAL GIVING



### Outcomes & Results

**\$22,244**  
Raised

**189**  
Donors

**12**  
Organizations

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# Leaderboards for Give 250 Connecticut

Municipality	Amount Raised ▼	Donors
1. Town of Portland	\$9,400	73
2. Town of West Hartford	\$5,584	51
3. Town of Kent	\$3,560	34
4. America250 - Plymouth, CT	\$1,150	4
5. Town of Wethersfield Tourism & Cultural Commission	\$875	9
6. New Haven Festivals Inc.	\$675	5
7. Historic Stonington	\$425	4
8. Burlington, CT America 250 Committee	\$250	1
9. Town of Vernon	\$150	2
10. Bristol America250 Committee	\$100	4
11. Beacon Falls Historical Society	\$50	1
12. Friends of the Canaan History Center, Inc.	\$25	1



## Grand Prize

**\$1,500**

Awarded to the municipality that raises the most during Give 250 Connecticut

**1 Winner**

Town of Portland

Sponsored by  
Water's Edge Resort & Spa



## Runner Up

**\$1,000**

Awarded to the municipality that raises the second highest dollar amount during Give 250 Connecticut

**1 Winner**

Town of West Hartford

Sponsored by  
Water's Edge Resort & Spa



## Most Unique Donors

**\$500**

Awarded to the municipality that receives donations from the greatest number of unique donors during Give 250 Connecticut

**1 Winner**

Town of Kent

Sponsored by  
Mystic Aquarium



## 250th Gift

**\$500**

Awarded to the municipality that receives the 250th donation (or the closest to 250) during Give 250 Connecticut

**1 Winner**

Historic Stonington

Sponsored by  
Connecticut Airport Authority



# Sample Website: Kent

## Our Story

DEAR KENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

The America 250 Subcommittee is excited to invite our community to play an active role in commemorating the monumental 250th celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

We are reaching out to the community for donations to support an array of enriching events, including engaging lectures, informative workshops, and an unforgettable celebration on July 4, 2026.

Your contributions, made easily through the Give 250 website, will not only ensure the success of these meaningful gatherings but also position Kent to compete for exciting prizes based on community support.

This is a unique opportunity for you to connect with your neighbors and foster a spirit of civic pride as we commemorate this historic milestone together.

Let's come together to create a celebration that reflects the heart and soul of Kent!

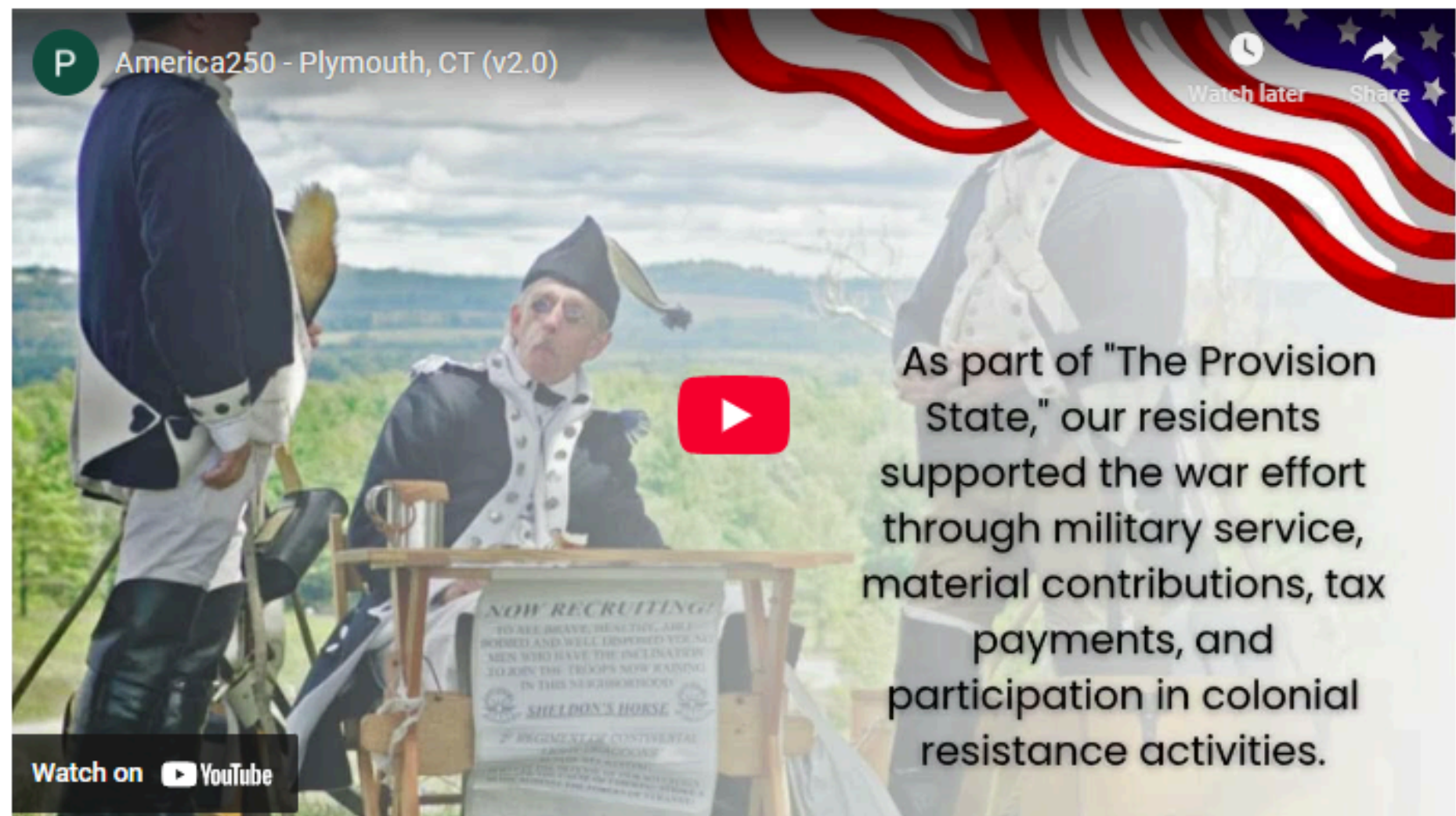
Thank you for your support!

- Matt Busse

Parks & Recreation Director, America 250 Subcommittee Chairman

The America 250 Subcommittee

# Sample Website: Plymouth



As part of "The Provision State," our residents supported the war effort through military service, material contributions, tax payments, and participation in colonial resistance activities.

In 1776, a bold idea took root—a belief that people could govern themselves and build a nation founded on liberty, justice, and opportunity for all. Nearly 250 years later, that idea still resonates, and here in Plymouth, Connecticut, we're getting ready to celebrate in a big way.

Plymouth may be a small town, but we have a big heart—and a deep connection to America's founding ideals. As the nation prepares to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, our local America250 Task Force is hard at work planning a series of educational, cultural, and family-focused events to bring our community together in reflection and celebration.

We believe this historic milestone is more than a birthday—it's a powerful opportunity to honor our shared past, learn from it, and imagine a brighter future. From living history programs and guided tours to art exhibits, community picnics, and storytelling events, we want to create inclusive, meaningful experiences that connect people of all ages to the rich legacy—and future—of American democracy.

But we can't do it without you.

Your support will help us host free or low-cost programs that are open to all. Every dollar you give helps bring this vision to life—whether it's providing supplies for kids' activities or inviting guest speakers and cultural presenters to share their knowledge and talents with our town.

This is a once-in-a-generation moment. Help us make it unforgettable.

# Sample Website: Wethersfield



**\$25**

*Community*



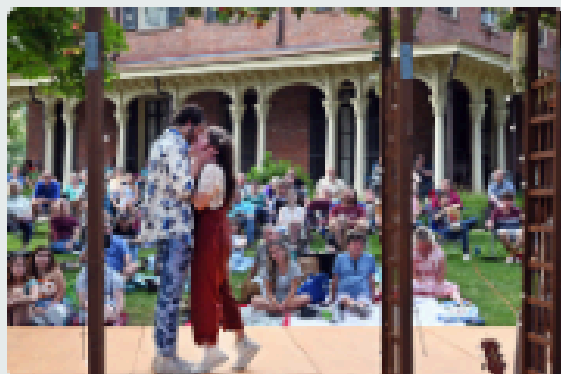
**\$50**

*Arts & Culture*



**\$75**

*History*



**\$100**

*Telling Stories*

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