

#### **America 250 | CT Commission Themes**

#### **Tell Inclusive Stories**

This commemoration is an opportunity to continue the nation's reckoning with the totality of its past. By **telling previously untold stories** we will enable everyone to find a place in our nation's narrative.

#### **Power of Place**

Connecticut is comprised of 169 towns and cities, five recognized tribes, and countless communities with **unique identities and contributions**. A community-based structure will allow each of Connecticut's towns and cities to define their own programs and ideas about how they can engage their residents.

#### For the Common Good

As we reckon with what the nation's 250th means in Connecticut, we will **encourage civic engagement** to continue to build our communities, state, and nation using the democratic ideals outlined in our founding documents.

#### **Doing History**

The commission's work will focus on **Connecticut's role in the Revolution**—its people, sites, and historic context. The state can boost tourism by amplifying stories at historic sites, trails, and buildings, and by constructing programs around notable events.

#### The Affiliate Program

The commission welcomes organizations throughout Connecticut to align their 250th activities with its values and themes and join as affiliates. Organizations of all types are invited to participate.

#### Benefits of becoming an affiliate include:

- Use of the official "America 250 | CT Affiliate" logo
- Streamlined submission process for the commission's events calendar
- Promotion of events and your organization's work through the commission's website, in newsletters, and on social media
- Quarterly calls to connect with other affiliate organizations
- E-newsletters which include updates on available resources in development by the commission and other entities
- Access to downloadable files which can be used for your programming
- Eligibility to participate in Give 250 Connecticut for 501(c)(3) organizations

# AMERICA 250 CONNECTICUT AFFILIATE



www.ct250.org/get-involved/affiliate-program

#### **Give 250 Connecticut**

This give-a-thon in October 2025 will enable local committees & eligible non-profit affiliates to raise funds for use on their 250<sup>th</sup> initiatives.

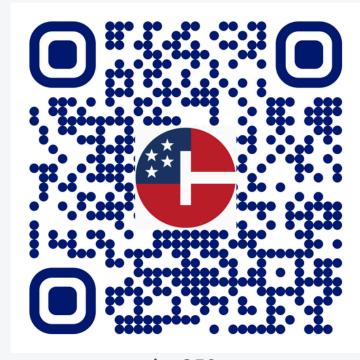
\*Registration is currently open to all committees & 501(c)(3) organizations. Registrations will be approved after affiliate status is confirmed and the Give 250 Connecticut contract has been returned to give 250@ct 250.org.

Apply to become an affiliate by the October 5 deadline to participate.

Give 250 Connecticut registration closes on October 17.



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



www.give250ct.org

#### Requirements for Affiliates

- Agree to consider the themes of the America 250 | CT Commission when planning events & programming
- Prioritize accessibility and inclusion in your events & programming to the best of your ability (See the Planning Guide for Welcoming Wider Audiences for tips)

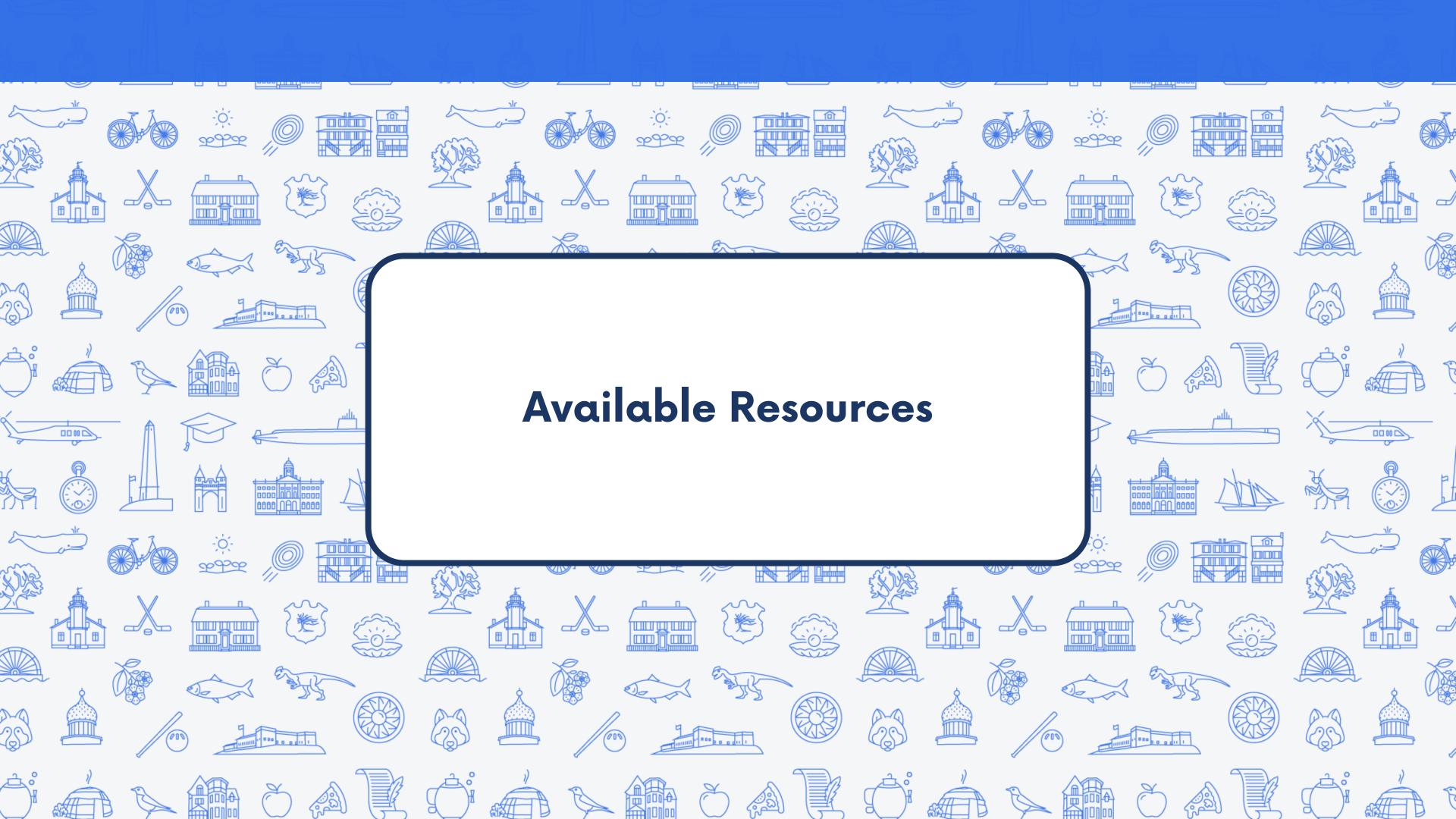
#### That's it! The commission also <u>hopes</u> affiliates will:

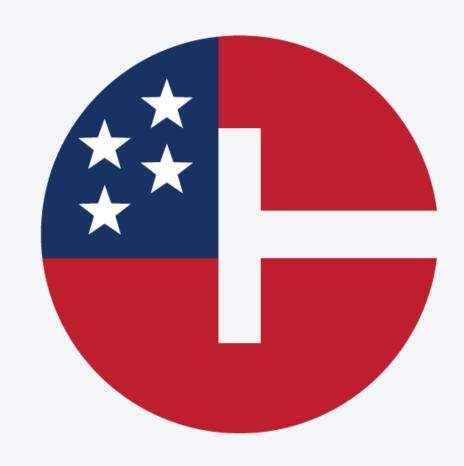
- Share your logo for inclusion on the commission's website
- Share your plans with other affiliates to inspire others & encourage collaboration
- Share your events & programming to the commission's calendar
- Use the commission's branding when promoting your 250<sup>th</sup> events & programming

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## America 250 | CT Commission Publicly Available Resources

- America 250 | CT Planning Guide
- Planning Guide for Welcoming Wider Audiences
- Using the Themes
- 250th Planning Workshop
- Educator Resources (Includes curriculum & professional development developed by the commission & curated resources from other groups)

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