

AMERICA 250

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America 250 | CT Commission
Local Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom ([Link](#))
Meeting Notes

Recording: <https://youtu.be/oFtpUoBky6o>

1. Welcome & Introduction of New Commissions
2. America 250 | CT Commission Updates/Reminders
 - a. Municipal Stipends - [Application & FAQs](#)

All municipalities should have already received the application for the \$750 municipal stipend. Stipend recipients must plan at least one publicly accessible program, and are requested to submit the [2026 Programming Report](#) at the conclusion of their 250th programs for the year. Contact info@ct250.org with any questions or to submit your application.

Applications are currently being processed, and we will be reaching out to set up payment via our processing system, Bill.com, as they are approved. They will be reviewed on a weekly basis, with a final application deadline of June 28.

Please see the FAQs for more information, and if your question isn't answered there, please get in touch with us.

- b. July 4, 2026 - [schedule](#)
 - i. Opportunity for tabling at Hartford Bonanza ([Registration Form](#))
 - ii. Municipal representative for recommitment ceremony ([Registration Form](#))

The linked schedule includes events in the city of Hartford on July 4, including details on the recommitment ceremony. It is marked as a draft, but any updates will be minor.

Municipal representatives will be able to sign the recommitment document at their convenience between 8:00 - 9:30. Each municipality is encouraged to send one representative, which need not be an elected official, to sign on behalf of their town. **Please submit the [Registration Form](#) by Tuesday, June 16, so we can ensure representatives have all of the needed details.** If your town is unable to send a representative, please contact us at info@ct250.org.

The signed recommitment document will be displayed in the Museum of Connecticut History at the Connecticut State Library's Connecticut's Revolution exhibit, which is officially opening the same day. We will take a picture with all ceremony participants in front of the library at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Representatives are welcome to also attend the veterans' ceremony in the Hall of Flags, the exhibit opening at 10:30, and any other events throughout the day.

Municipalities are invited to stay and table in Bushnell Park if they wish - submit the tabling form for Hartford Bonanza if you wish to do so.

- c. Summer Events Listing ([Draft](#)) - see [here](#) & share edits via comment if needed

We'll be bringing this event listing with us when we're tabling throughout the summer. Please add comments to the [spreadsheet](#) if you would like to make updates to your municipality's main event. We will include one event for each municipality, and may be able to add a second as space allows, particularly for those with early events/events that have already passed.

- d. Marketing Opportunities:
 - i. America's Potluck - [add yours](#) to the map
 - ii. Add your events to [250inCT.com](#) [the direct link to [CTVisit.com/CT250](#)] - Webinar recording & information on how to do so [here](#)
 - iii. Ensure your town's webpage for 250th initiatives is listed [here](#)
 - iv. Ensure your fireworks show is listed [here](#)

Questions about setting up a CT Visit partner account should be directed to Rob Damroth with the Statewide Office of Marketing & Tourism - robert.damroth@ct.gov.

When adding events, please be sure to check off "CT250 Requested" on the "Categorizations" tab - this is what brings it to Cyndi/Rachel's attention for inclusion on 250inCT.com.

Send town webpages & information on fireworks (date, location, time) to info@ct250.org.

Helpful Links

Event Calendar

- [Event Calendar](#) [This is no longer being updated, but is still active until all events are migrated]
- [CT Visit's CT250 Events](#)
- [Commission Events](#) (now includes national initiatives)

Commission's Network

- [Municipal Proclamation Template](#)
- [Local Commission Listing](#)
- [Affiliate Program](#)
- [Private Facebook group](#) for planners (municipal & affiliate)

Funding Resources

- [Federal Grants](#)
- [CT Humanities Grants](#)
- [Funding Resources](#)

America250/National Initiatives

- National commission: Logo/Wordmark [Information](#) & [Sublicensing Agreement](#)
- [America250 Playbook](#)
- [America's Potluck](#) - July 5, 2026
- [Spirit of America](#) - July 8, 2026

Planning Resources

- AASLH [Field Guide](#), [Programming Guide](#), and [Local Commission Technical Leaflet](#)
- [Recording from Planning Workshop](#)
- [2025 Conference Recordings](#)
- [Classifieds Board](#) - to share/find services for your programming
- [Media Checklist](#)
- Statewide Exhibit [Interest Survey](#)
- [Our Next 250 Webinar](#)

Education Resources

- Educator [Curriculum](#)
- [Local History Project](#)
- [Flyer](#) for education resources
- [My America](#)

Reporting

- [2026 Programming Report](#)