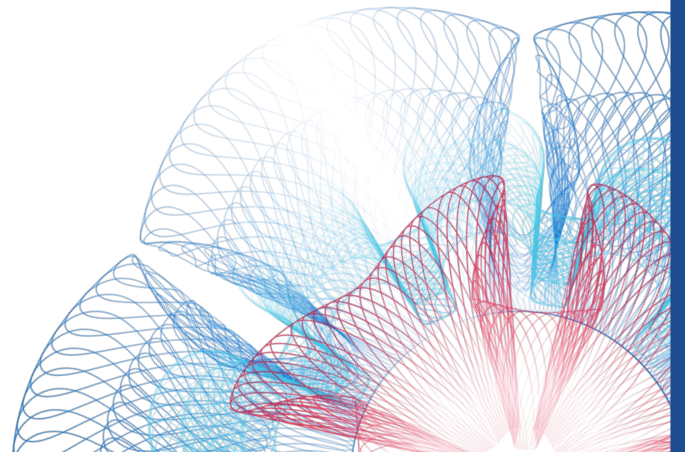
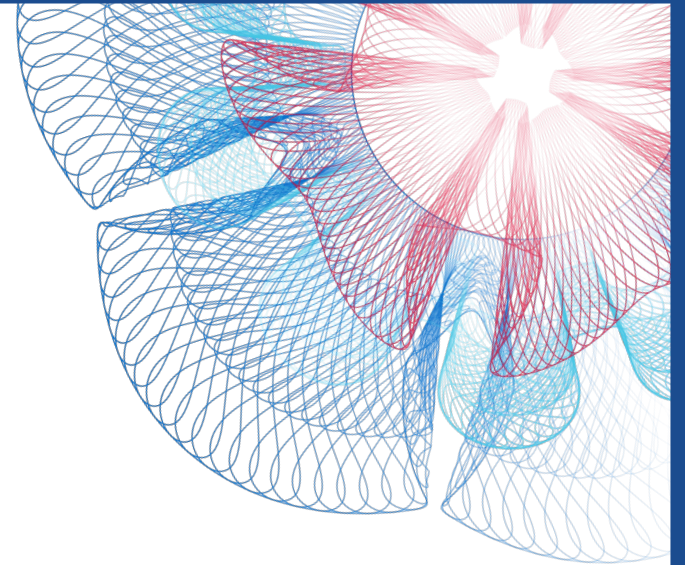
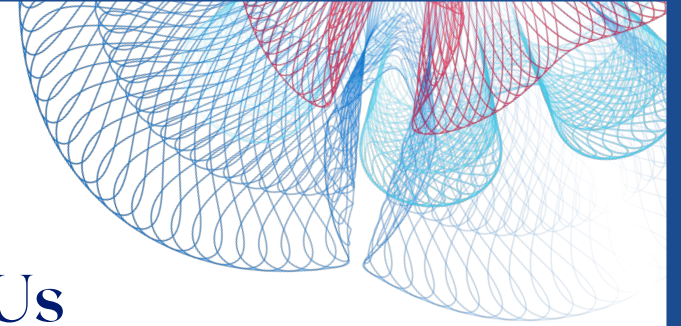
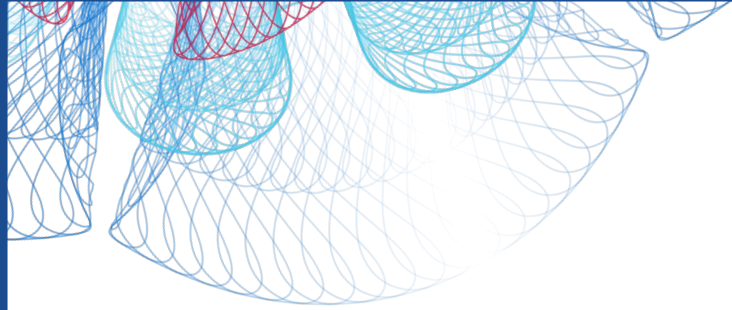




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About Us

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future.

America250PA hopes to engage all citizens of the Commonwealth, from all 67 counties, bring the Commonwealth's history into the conversation so Pennsylvanians can better understand the origins and multiple perspectives of issues facing our Commonwealth & nation today, use history to encourage and inspire future leaders, celebrate the contributions of Pennsylvanians to our Commonwealth's history but also to our Nation's history, leave a lasting impact on the next generation and to spark an interest in which will ignite the drive for them to appreciate all the triumphs, trials and tribulations to which contributed to the Commonwealth for which they are now writing their own history.

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The Commission

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) is made up of current and past leaders of Pennsylvania, private citizens, and industry leaders, celebrating the rich history and diversity of the state. The Commission was officially sworn in on September 17th, 2019.

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Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director

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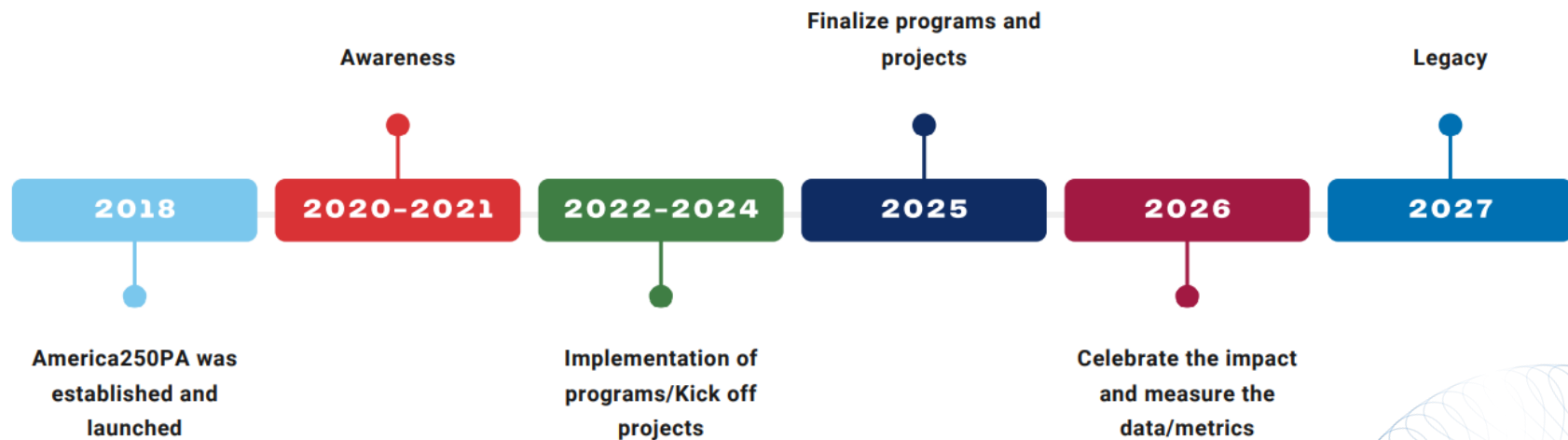




America250PA envisions this historic initiative as an opportunity to engage ALL Pennsylvanians in ALL 67 counties to be certain that this commemoration is one that is most inclusive as we strive to make **2026 E.P.I.C. (EDUCATE, PRESERVE, INNOVATE, CELEBRATE).**

The Commission has identified 14 areas of importance to the Commonwealth and hopes to build them into 12 America250PA Platforms to showcase our Pennsylvania Pride. **#PAPROUD**

America250PA Timeline*



*2018 Act 28 – Duty to Report Section 9.1



America250PA Participatory Framework*

A

America250PA Signature Programs

These programs will be developed, funded, implemented, and maintained by America250PA solely or in partnership with a partner organization.

B

America250PA Signature Projects

These projects will be developed, funded, implemented, and maintained by America250PA solely or in partnership with a partner organization.

C

America250PA Signature Events

These events will be funded and run by America250PA solely or in partnership with a partner organization.

D

America250PA Officially Recognized Programs, Projects and/or Events

Programs, projects, or events that fall under this category will be endorsed and promoted by America250PA. They will run parallel to the Commission's signature programs, projects and events but will NOT be maintained, lead or funded by America250PA or America250PA staff. In order for a program, project or event to be "officially recognized", the organization would need to submit a full proposal and the following criteria will need to be met:

1

Alignment with the America250PA vision and objectives

2

Funded and ready to activate

3

Proof of community impact

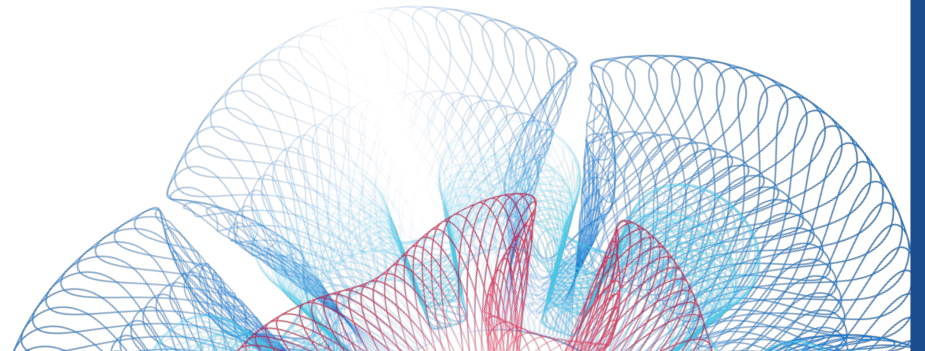
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Low reputation risk to the brand and/or Commission

(nonpartisan, reliable content, lawful respect for human dignity and rights of others)

5

Employ reliable content that is evidence based, accurate and authentic



America250PA Strategic Plan

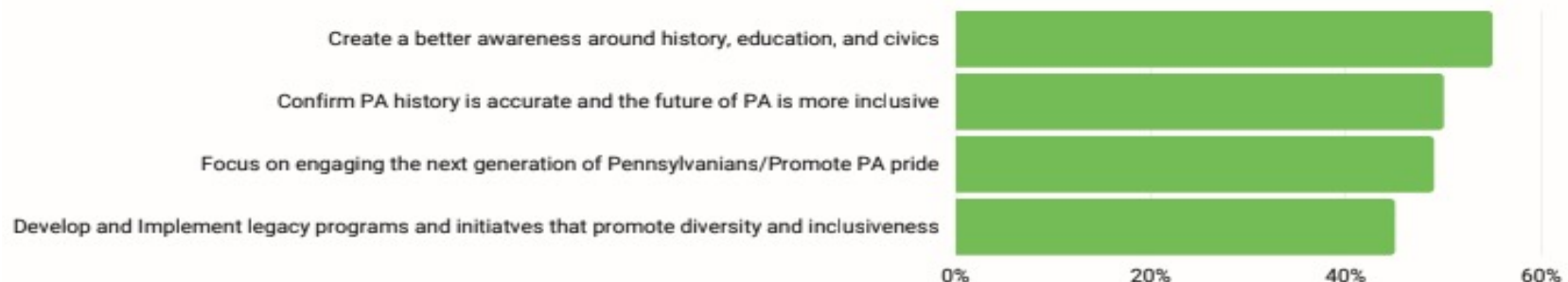
As part of the strategic planning process, America250PA conducted Working Group Sessions with over 25 Commission and Advisory Committee members, a group that includes current and past leaders of Pennsylvania, private citizens and industry leaders. Working Group Sessions were also conducted with over 25 Key Stakeholders and Partners from both public and private organizations across the Commonwealth. Additionally, a survey was distributed statewide to determine how best to leverage the Semiquincentennial to make a positive impact for every Pennsylvanian in all 67 counties and responses were received by 64 counties.

The sample included (as of 2/25/21) 837 respondents representing a diverse set of backgrounds, ages and household incomes.

Over 1200 Pennsylvanians from 64 of the 67 counties responded

The demographic breakdown was 70% white or Caucasian, 15% African American, 5% Hispanic or Latino, 3% Asian American and less than 1% each for American Indian & Native American*.

*2019 Census Population estimates: 80.5% White, 11.2% Black/African American, 3.4% Asian, 7.8 Hispanic/Latino, 2% other



America250PA Projected Geographic Impact*

The America250PA Commission developed a county committee, an advisor committee and nonprofit affiliate members, to ensure geographical diversity and representation in all sixty-seven (67) counties.

Advisory Committee Members Currently representing 15 counties (still in formation)

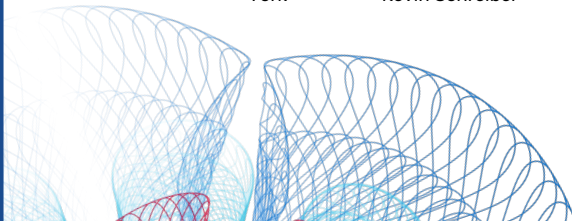
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| Allegheny | Anthony Hassey |
| Allegheny | Alan Gutches |
| Beaver | Jim Woods |
| Berks | Jack Gombach |
| Chester | Christine Costello |
| Chester | Eric Diamond |
| Chester | Martha McGeary Snider |
| Cumberland | Clayton Jacobs |
| Dauphin | Thomas Brier |
| Delaware | Steven Bradley |
| Delaware | Beth Cain |
| Delaware | Gerald Lawrence |
| Delaware | Wanda Odom |
| Erie | George Deutsch |
| Erie | Charles Haggerty |
| Franklin | Robert Thomas |
| Lancaster | Michael Brubaker |
| Lancaster | Todd Snovel |
| Lehigh | Murat Guzel |
| Luzerne | Jeff Ney |
| Luzerne | Guerline Laurore |
| Montgomery | Nicole Brown |
| Montgomery | Vincent Capone |
| Montgomery | Murray Ufberg |
| Philadelphia | Noel Abejo |
| Philadelphia | Sanjay Chaudhury |
| Philadelphia | Derrick Pitts, PhD |
| Philadelphia | Julia McGrath |
| Philadelphia | Kenneth Wong |
| York | Kevin Schreiber |

County Advisory Committee Members Currently representing 65 counties (still in formation)

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Adams | Steve Nevada | Lackawanna | Traci K. Harte |
| Allegheny | Darla Cravotta | Lancaster | Joshua Parsons |
| Armstrong | Donald Myers | Lawrence | Ginny Jacob |
| Bedford | Larry Smith | Lebanon | Robert J. Phillips |
| Berks | Christian Leinbach | Lehigh | Fadia Halma |
| Blair | August C. Stickel | Luzerne | David Pedri |
| Bradford | Henry G. Farley | Lycoming | Scott L. Metzger |
| Bucks | Bob Harvie | McKean | Linda Devlin; Pamela J. Burlingame |
| Butler | Jack Cohen | Mercer | Ann Coleman |
| Cambria | Lisa Rager | Mifflin | Kevin P. Kodish |
| Cameron | Lori J. Reed | Monroe | Amy Leiser |
| Carbon | Sara Ruch | Montgomery | Ken Lawrence |
| Centre | Edward Stoddard | Montour | Rebecca Dressler |
| Chester | Michelle Kichline | Northampton | Stephen J. Barron Jr. |
| Clarion | Ted Tharan | Northumberland | Nathan Savidge |
| Clearfield | Julie Houston | Perry | Larry F. Reisinger |
| Clinton | Maria Boileau | Philadelphia | Mark Squilla; Danielle DiLeo Kim |
| Columbia | David Kovach | Pike | Shannon DeVuyst |
| Crawford | Victoria Soff | Potter | Barry Hayman |
| Cumberland | Stacy M. Snyder | Schuylkill | Barron L. Hetherington |
| Dauphin | William E. Minsker | Snyder | Rylan Ebright |
| Delaware | Kate Clifford | Somerset | Gerald Walker |
| Elk | Fritz Lecker | Sullivan | Darlene A. Fenton |
| Erie | Ferki Ferati | Susquehanna | Dave Palmer |
| Fayette | Christine Buckelew | Tioga | Kristin Hamilton |
| Forest | Mark S. Kingston | Union | Kathy K. Swope |
| Franklin | Janet Pollard | Warren | Joe McClellan |
| Fulton | Stuart L. Ulsh | Washington | Clay Kilgore |
| Greene | JoAnne Marshall | Wayne | Wendell Kay |
| Huntingdon | Lonnie Smith | Westmoreland | Matt Zamosky |
| Indiana | Laura Herrington | Wyoming | Tom Henry |
| Jefferson | Scott North | York | Bryan Tate |
| Juniata | Alice J. Gray | | |

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America250PA Projected Geographic Impact Cont.*

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Nonprofit Affiliate Members Currently representing 100 Pennsylvania Nonprofits (still in formation)

Adams County Historical Society
African American Chamber of Commerce
African American Museum in Philadelphia
Alzheimer's Association
American Helicopter Museum & Education Center
American Philosophical Society
Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust
Arts & Education at the Hoyt
Asian American Chamber of Commerce
Bradford House Historical Association
Bucks County Chapter, NSDAR
Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau
Central PA 4th Fest
Crawford County Historical Society
Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association
Dennis Farm Charitable Land Trust
Destination Gettysburg
Endless mountains Visitors Bureau
Fairmount Park Conservancy
Faith and Liberty Discovery Center
Feeding Pennsylvania
Fidler Foundation
Franklin County Historical Society
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Friends of Washington Crossing Park
Gettysburg College
Gettysburg Foundation
Greater Easton Development Partnership
Grey Towers Heritage Association
Hagen History Center
Historic Rock Ford
Homecoming 250 Navy Marine Corps
ImpactPHL
Independence Historical Trust
Independence Seaport Museum

Johannes Schwalm Historical Association
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful
Keystone College
Kimmel Center Cultural Campus
Lafayette College
Liberty Bell Chapter, NSDAR
Main Street Gettysburg
Museum of the American Revolution
National Scenic Visitors Center
National Liberty Museum
Old Pine Conservancy
Pennsylvania Bankers Association
Pennsylvania Cable Network
Pennsylvania Campground Owners Association
Pennsylvania Downtown Center
Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Pennsylvania News Media Association
Pennsylvania Postal History Society
Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)
Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution (PSSR)
Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (PASSAR)
Philadelphia250
Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSCL)
Philadelphia Soccer 2026
Philadelphia Visitor Center Corporation
Philadelphia Zoo
Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau
Preservation Alliance
Preservation Pennsylvania
Renfrew Museum and Park
Rotary Club of York
Science History Institute
Scranton Tomorrow

Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center
Senator John Heinz History Center
Shamokin Area Businesses for Economic Revitalization
Special Olympics PA
Steam Into History, Inc. DBA Northern Central Railway of York
Stuart Tank Memorial Association
The Athenaeum of Philadelphia
The Carpenters' Company
The Franklin Institute
The Great Allentown Fair
The Library Company of Philadelphia
The Mill at Anselma Preservation and Educational Trust, Inc.
The National Civil War Museum
The Philadelphia Orchestra
The Philly Pops
The Union League Legacy Foundation
Tom Ridge Environmental Center Foundation
Urban Affairs Coalition
Valley Forge Chapter, NSDAR
Valley Forge Park Alliance
Valley Forge Tourism & Convention Board
Visit Delco
VisitErie
Visit Lawrence County
Visit Philadelphia
Voices for Independence
Washington Memorial Heritage
Washington Symphony Orchestra
York County Economic Alliance & Downtown Inc.
York County History Center

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America250PA Infrastructure Improvements and Projects Committee (IIPC)



The IIPC, made up of 24 appointed legislative members, is the result of bipartisan legislation that Pennsylvania State Representative Jared Solomon and former State Representative Wendi Thomas passed to implement legacy infrastructure projects across the Commonwealth in preparation for the nation's Semiquincentennial in 2026. The legislation—House Bill 1952—will lay the groundwork for identifying projects across the Commonwealth to begin and/or complete by 2026.

America250PA Outputs and Outcomes*

METRICS OVERVIEW

All projects under the America250PA Program must file quarterly metrics reports to identify general data points during the life of the project/pilot program.

Project managers will input data (categories and descriptions on the next page) through an online platform. Data will be collected by America250PA and used to demonstrate the economic and community impact of the initiative.

AMERICA250PA: METRICS NARRATIVE

| No. | Item | Description |
|-----|--------------------------------|--|
| 1.1 | No. of Campaigns Launched | Campaigns launched under topic |
| 1.2 | No. of Counties Impacted | Counties impacted by celebration |
| 1.3 | No. of Municipalities Impacted | Municipalities impacted by celebration |

| No. | Item | Description |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|
| 4.1 | Public Investment Secured | Total public dollars secured for campaign |
| 4.2 | Private Investment Secured | Total private dollars secured for campaign |
| 4.3 | Sponsorship Dollars Secured | Total dollars secured sponsoring campaign |

| No. | Item | Description |
|-----|---------------------------------|---|
| 2.1 | No. of K-12 Schools | Districts participating in the campaign |
| 2.2 | No. of Higher Eds | Colleges participating in the campaign |
| 2.3 | No. of Students (participating) | Students active in planning campaign |
| 2.4 | No. of Students (impacted) | Students impacted by the campaign |

| No. | Item | Description |
|-----|---|--|
| 5.1 | No. of Community Groups (participating) | Community Groups planning the campaign |
| 5.2 | No. of Community Groups (impacted) | Community Groups impacted by campaign |
| 5.3 | No. of Individuals (participating) | Residents planning the campaign |
| 5.4 | No. of Individuals (impacted) | Residents impacted by the campaign |

| No. | Item | Description |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|
| 3.1 | No. of Businesses (participating) | Businesses involved in planning campaign |
| 3.2 | No. of Businesses (impacted) | Businesses impacted by campaign |
| 3.3 | No. of Individuals (participating) | Workers involved in planning campaign |
| 3.4 | No. of Individuals (impacted) | Workers impacted by campaign |

| No. | Item | Description |
|-----|----------------------------------|--|
| 6.1 | Internships Created | Number generated through campaign in PA |
| 6.2 | Jobs Created (direct & indirect) | Direct & Indirect jobs created by campaign |
| 6.3 | Total Wages Generated | Amount of new wages generated by campaign |
| 6.4 | Tax Revenue Generated | Amount of new taxes generated by campaign |



America250PA Platforms

Nourish250PA

Initiatives cultivating and revitalizing Pennsylvania's culinary and agricultural traditions, while promoting a healthier Pennsylvania.

Salute250PA

Programs or projects honoring the service and sacrifice of Pennsylvania's servicemen and women and their supporting families and communities.

Discover250PA

Programs or projects supporting history education, civics and civic engagement.

Promise250PA

Initiatives empowering youth and inspiring the next generation of Pennsylvania leaders.

Recognize250PA

Programs or projects highlighting our "Keystone Kindness" of general good deeds done on behalf of others, their community, or state.

Experience250PA

Events leading up to and throughout 2026 that will create commemorative and celebratory experiences for Pennsylvanians.

Forum250PA

Programs or projects inspiring public engagement through shared stories & experiences.

Showcase250PA

Programs or projects that bring the America250PA experience to all Pennsylvanians through physical and virtual traveling showcases, exhibits or collections.

Impact250PA

Programs or projects that promote community service, environmental stewardship and promotes a healthier future for ALL Pennsylvanians.

Destination250PA

Programs or projects boosting the preservation and visitation of PA historical sites, landmarks and state parks.

Expression250PA

Statewide programs and projects that support Pennsylvania artists.

Innovate250PA

Programs or projects that ignite Pennsylvania spirit for innovation and discovery.



Fourteen Focus Areas

The Commission has identified 14 areas of importance to the Commonwealth and hope to build them into ten America25OPA Platforms to showcase our Pennsylvania Pride.

Agriculture
Arts & Culture
Commerce & Workforce
Diversity
Education & Innovation
Environment
Government
Health & Wellness
History & Preservation
Legacy
Nature
Military, Veterans & Women
Technology
Tourism

America250PA leads the nation ahead of America's Semiquincentennial

America250PA Exec. Director attends the nation's first 250th planning event in Williamsburg, VA



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 17, 2023

America250PA Executive Director attends Nation's First Planning Event for America's 250th Anniversary, Hosted by VA250, Colonial Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG, VA —On March 10-12, Executive Director of America250PA, Cassandra Coleman, represented Pennsylvania in Colonial Williamsburg at the nation's first event to launch multistate planning efforts commemorating America's 250th anniversary.

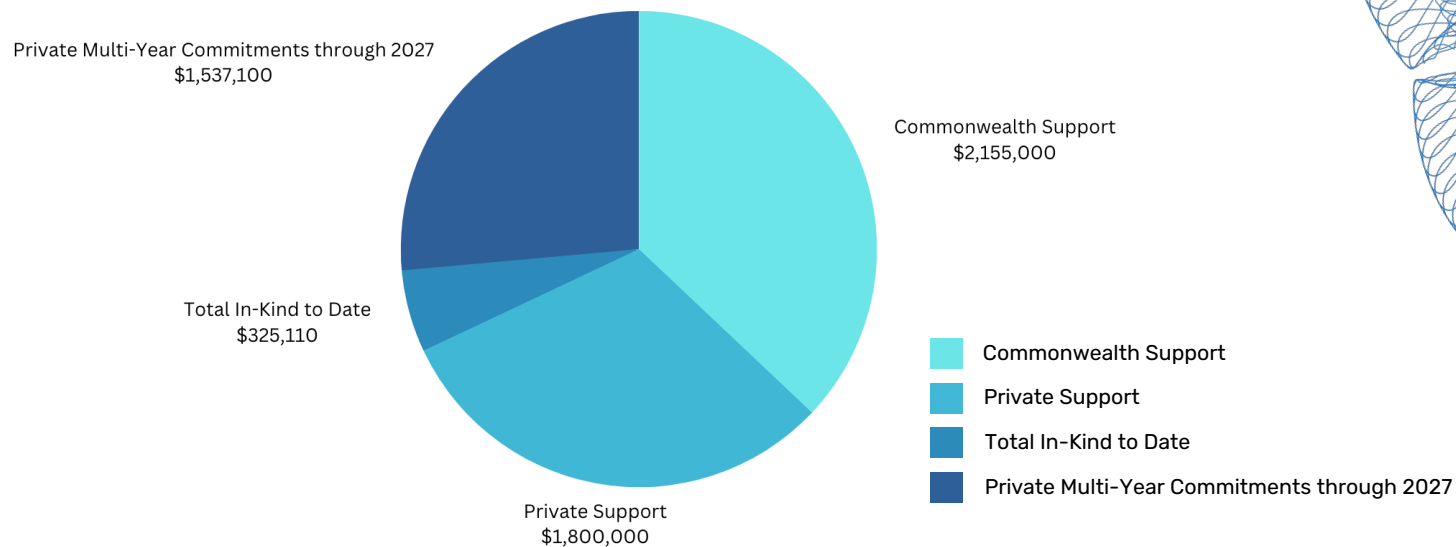
This signature event, hosted by Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, reflected the Committees of Correspondence by including colleagues in other states, state 250th commissioners, along with representatives of Virginia local committees, to spend a weekend of mutual learning, discussion, and collaboration in Colonial Williamsburg.

Taking place on Colonial Williamsburg's historic campus, "A Common Cause to All" convened nearly 300 representatives from 34 U.S. states and 50 Virginia localities to exchange ideas and begin collaborating on 250th anniversary events across the country. State and local representatives discussed plans in progress and explored ideas for national conversations to connect local events throughout the United States, including opportunities for teachers and students.

"It was such an honor to be in historic Colonial Williamsburg with so many of my colleagues from across the country to collaborate on ideas for impactful programming, projects and events to ensure that every Pennsylvanian and every American is included in the 250th anniversary in 2026," said Coleman. "Pennsylvania is the birthplace of democracy and we are so excited at the endless possibilities the Semiquincentennial provides us to discuss our past, embrace our present and reimagine and explore our future."



Since the Launch of America250PA in September 2019*



Commonwealth Support - \$2,155,000
Private Support - \$1,800,000
Total In-kind Contributions - \$325,110
Private Multi-Year Commitments through 2027 - \$1,537,100

Number of donors: 669

Breakdown of Commonwealth Funding

Governor Wolf - \$600K
Senate Republicans - \$625K
House Republicans - \$375K
House Democrats - \$280K
Senate Democrats - \$275K

*Figures through 05/01/2023

*Figures through 05/15/2023

America250PA Semiquincentennial Founders' Circle Sponsors*



*As of 05/22/23



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