



VERMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

FY 2027 REQUEST = \$250,000

Governor Phil Scott signed an executive order creating the 250th Anniversary Commission to plan, coordinate and promote observances and activities that commemorate the historic events associated with the American Revolution in Vermont. The year 2026 will mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America. Vermonters played a significant role in the colonists' assertion of independence from Great Britain, from the Green Mountain Boys' successful assault at Fort Ticonderoga to the Battle of Hubbardton, and to the Battle of Bennington where Vermont troops helped defeat a British force to set up the victories that turned the war in favor of the new Americans. In July 1777, the Vermont Constitution was adopted, becoming the first to prohibit adult slavery, eliminate property qualifications for voting, and establish a system of state-supported public schools. After fourteen years as a republic, Vermont became the 14th state to join the Union, offering unique contributions to American culture, history and politics. To observe these events, Vermont will join other states and partners to encourage remembrance of our past, commemorate the present, and look forward to a promising future.

Community programming, events, and education will continue with commemoration of the 1777 campaign and the founding of the Vermont Republic throughout 2026 and 2027.

EFFORTS BY THE NUMBERS:

1. **Implementation Grants** to municipalities, non-profits, libraries, and educational organizations for community programming that will commemorate Vermont's place in the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. **\$175,000**
2. **Signature event(s)** in 2027 to focus on the Vermont Republic and Constitution, Northern Department Campaign, and Battles of Hubbardton and Bennington. **\$20,000**
3. **Marketing for awareness**, including sponsorship of educational programming, promotional signage, and stickers/magnets. **\$15,000**
4. **Educational Events** like the Vermont Alliance for Social Studies, Vermont Tourism Summit, Vermont History Day, and history conference for Vermont colleges and universities. **\$35,000**
5. **Promotion of student and community programming** to be displayed at the State House, State Historic Sites, Historical Societies, Museums, and Vermont Supreme Court. **\$5,000**

