



Ohio Travel
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Restore Full Funding for the Ohio Commission for the Semiquincentennial (America 250-Ohio)

America 250-Ohio Commemoration to Celebrate Ohio's Contributions to the Nation

- America celebrate its 250th year of independence in 2026, and Ohioans are already preparing for this great opportunity.
- This is not just a time to talk about the founding of our nation; it's an opportunity to showcase Ohio's vast and important contributions to the nation - in leadership, manufacturing, entrepreneurship and others.
- These stories – our stories – strongly reinforce Ohio's position today and its vision for tomorrow as a driving force of innovation and leadership.

America 250-Ohio to Touch all 88 Counties

- While the Commission is planning a handful of statewide initiatives, its priority from day one has been to provide the resources and outreach for local communities to create their own commemorative activities.
- Conversations with dozens of communities across the state are already happening.
- Hundreds of Ohioans have already begun actively engaging in conversations.

Funding is Needed to Implement the Strategies Now

- With the plan in place, America 250-Ohio cannot move forward without adequate funding. As several of the strategies take place in the years leading up to 2026, funding is needed now.
- The *America 250 Ohio Recommendations to the People of Ohio* report provides more than 40 strategies that are currently being prioritized and activated. These were developed with extensive stakeholder input.
- Among these strategies are those that include educational activities for youth of all ages, opportunities for celebrating and commissioning Ohio artists, boosting local economies by encouraging travel to and through Ohio and honoring all who have served our nation.

The Ask: Restore the Funding Levels for the Commission to Governor DeWine's Initial Amounts of \$5.8 million in FY 24 and \$8.1 million in FY 25



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