

## **Maryland's Story is America's Story**

## Maryland 250 Commission 2024 Annual Report and Action Plan Update

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In accordance with Executive Order 01.01.2024.29, we are pleased to submit the Annual Report and Action Plan Update of the Maryland 250 Commission for calendar year 2024. This year, Executive Order 01.01.2024.29 amended Executive Order 01.01.2023.10, adding a 34th seat to the Commission for the Adjutant General of Maryland, though the Commission charge remained the same: to develop, encourage, and execute an inclusive statewide observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation through 2026, with three themes - history, civics, and service.

As the U.S. Semiquincentennial is a national initiative with state and local execution, Maryland is one of more than 50 U.S. states and territories which have launched 250th commissions. We are pleased to report that local 250th commissions have formed in Annapolis, Bladensburg, Calvert County, Carroll County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Lower Shore, Prince George's County, Southern Maryland, and Washington County, with conversations underway in other communities. The Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Maryland State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution have active 250th committees, and Johns Hopkins University is planning its Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary).

There was strong progress in 2024, including:

- Three Commission meetings, fifteen working group and committee meetings, and a facilitated planning and messaging workshop.
- Three events including a Commission kickoff event in partnership with the State House Trust and Maryland Archives commemorating the 150th anniversary of Frederick Douglass' 1874 visit to Annapolis, "Looking Back to Look Ahead: Frederick Douglass, George Washington, and America at 250"; a co-sponsored opening night reception at the Chestertown Tea Party; and a recognition ceremony at the Maryland State Fair for nine Maryland student winners of America250's America's Field Trip.
- Tabling at major events statewide such as the Maryland Municipal League conference, the Maryland Association of Counties conference, and the Maryland Folk Festival.
- The launch of a \$225,000 MD Two Fifty small grant program, with five virtual information sessions, and grants of nearly \$60,000 awarded to date to nonprofit and local government stakeholders in seven counties, and plans to continue to promote and award the remaining \$165,000 by the end of FY 2025 with a goal of funding stakeholders statewide.
- The spring 2024 launch of a website, social media, and monthly newsletter.
- Contracting with Uplift Alliance as fiscal sponsor, donate link added to website, and planning underway for private fundraising as directed by the Executive Order.
- Three new contractual employees were hired, including two from the Department of Service and Civic Innovation Service Year Option program, and new office space was secured.

- A formal plan for statewide stakeholder support kicked off in February with statewide virtual convenings of stakeholders every six weeks; monthly virtual office hours; customized partner logos; promotion of partner events, places, and stories; and additional support in planning.
- Membership in the Maryland Civic Education Coalition.
- Endorsement of the Maryland Mosaic project promoting over 150 national "firsts" that happened in Maryland.
- Partnerships with national organizations such as America250, the American Association of State and Local History, the National Park Service, and Mid-Atlantic 250th partners in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and:
  - o With organizations statewide to commemorate historically significant anniversaries.
  - With the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families, Maryland Military Department, and other partners, on a statewide commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, in 2025.
  - On regional MD Two Fifty Free State festivals in 2026 with the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, State ethnic Commissions, the Maryland Commission for Women, local 250th Commissions, and other partners.
  - Additional partnerships are in the exploratory phase, including a statewide professional baseball partnership.

We thank all who have contributed to our progress including Governor Wes Moore, Lt. Governor Aruna Miller, Secretary Rebecca Flora, AICP, of the Department of Planning, and the staff of the Maryland Historical Trust. The MD Two Fifty Commission is fully committed to our work ahead. We thank you for your past and future support.

Respectfully submitted,

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Chair

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The Honorable Catherine Curran (Katie) O'Malley,

Vice Chair

#### 1. BACKGROUND

In 2016, the United States Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to plan the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and to coordinate this commemoration with the states, particularly the thirteen original colonies. State Semiquincentennial Commissions began to launch soon after, and on January 24, 2021, then-governor Larry J. Hogan, Jr. issued an Executive Order authorizing the creation of the Maryland Semiquincentennial Commission.

On July 3, 2023, Governor Wes Moore rescinded the 2021 Executive Order, authorizing creation of a "Maryland 250 Commission" charged with planning commemorative activities around the three organizing themes of history, civics, and service. Governor Moore appointed former governor Parris N. Glendening to serve as Commission Chair and retired judge Catherine Curran (Katie) O'Malley as Vice Chair. The reconstituted Commission held its first meeting on December 4, 2023, with subsequent meetings on April 16, 2024, August 28, 2024, and November 12, 2024. The Executive Order was revised again on September 4, 2024, with the addition of a Commission seat provided for the Adjutant General of Maryland; the revised Executive Order can be found at the end of this report as Appendix 1.



Photo from June 22, 2024, Commission kickoff event, with reenactor Nathan Richardson portraying Frederick Douglass

#### 2. MISSION, GOALS, AND VISION

The mission of the Maryland 250 Commission is to develop, encourage, and execute an inclusive statewide observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the nation recognizing all Marylanders' struggle for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, before, during, and after the Revolution, based on three themes – history, civics, and service.

#### The goals are to:

- Invite broad-based public input on the meaning, significance, and opportunities of this anniversary that will inform development of commemoration activities, programs, and events.
- Acknowledge that the confiscation of Indigenous land and displacement of Indigenous people is central to the United States' origin story and recognize the persistence and contributions of these communities today.
- Honor the legacy of both free and enslaved African Americans in the making of Maryland and the nation, whose untold stories of heroism and perseverance are critical to the understanding of our shared past and present.
- Support the identification and enhancement of cultural assets that tell the story of
  who we are as Marylanders and promote place-based visitor experiences for
  residents and visitors alike.
- Engage youth, new Americans, and lifelong learners in programs designed to encourage the search for meaning behind America and deepen engagement in civic life.
- Celebrate service to the country and community, and create opportunities that promote social responsibility, compassion and understanding that will unite and strengthen Maryland's diverse communities for the benefit of all.

The Commission met on June 11, 2024, for a facilitated messaging and planning workshop led by Sandy Hillman of K|O and Hillman Communications, working pro bono, and drafted a vision statement which was approved by the Commission at its next meeting on August 28, 2024:

MD Two Fifty envisions an inclusive and nonpartisan statewide reflection on our past that honors the contribution of all Marylanders, that unites us in purpose to serve, to engage civically, and to shape the future of our state and nation for the next generation.

#### 3. COMMISSION COMPOSITION AND STAFFING

Membership on the Commission expanded in 2024 with the addition of a seat to be filled by the Adjutant General of Maryland in order to recognize the important role of the military in this commemoration. The Commission is led by former Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening, who serves as Chair, and Judge Catherine Curran (Katie) O'Malley, who serves as Vice Chair. Their leadership has been instrumental in moving the work of the Commission forward.

The remaining 32 Commission members called for in the Executive Order are more fully described below:

Name	Title	Representing
The Honorable Aruna Miller	Lieutenant Governor	Lieutenant Governor
Raquel Coombs	Chief of Staff	Department of Budget and Management
Liz Fitzsimmons	Managing Director, Office of Tourism	Department of Commerce
David Loughlin	Acting Assistant Secretary, Facilities Management	Department of General Services
Robert Bailey	Historian, Maryland Park Service	Department of Natural Resources
Rebecca L. Flora, AICP	Secretary	Department of Planning
D. Paul Monteiro	Secretary	Department of Service and Civic Innovation
Susan C. Lee	Secretary	Secretary of State
Anthony C. Woods	Secretary	Department of Veterans and Military Families
Peter Phineas Ramsey	Director of Social Studies	State Superintendent of Schools
Elaine Rice Bachmann	State Archivist	Maryland State Archivist
Elizabeth Hughes	SHPO	Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer
Reverend Lawrence E. Walker, Sr.	Executive Director	Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
Steven Skerritt-Davis	Executive Director	Maryland State Arts Council
E. Keith Colston	Administrator	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
Chanel C. Johnson	Executive Director	Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture
Major General Janeen L. Birckhead	Adjutant General	Adjutant General of Maryland
Judi Emmel	Member	Maryland Commission for Women
Terri Lee Freeman	President, Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture	Public Member
Steve Kearney	Founding Partner, K O Public Affairs and Hillman Communications	Public Member

Robin V. Sproul  Reggie Turner  Dr. Antonio Ugues, Jr.	Executive Vice President, Javelin Communications Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy, St. Mary's College of	Public Member  Public Member  Public Member
The Honorable Jack Bailey	Maryland District 29 Calvert and St. Mary's Counties	President of the Senate
The Honorable Benjamin Brooks	District 10 Baltimore County	President of the Senate
Brenda B. Coakley	Board Member, Frederick Douglass Museum and Cultural Center	Speaker of the House
Dr. Joni Floyd	Curator, Maryland & Historical Collections, University of Maryland Libraries	Speaker of the House
The Honorable Takisha James	Mayor, Town of Bladensburg	Maryland Municipal League
Councilman Pete Lesher	Talbot County Council	Maryland Association of Counties
Katie Caljean	President and CEO, Maryland Center for History and Culture	Non-Profit Organization
Alexandra Cenatus	Director of Programs, Maryland Humanities	Non-Profit Organization
Nicholas Redding	President and CEO, Preservation Maryland	Non-Profit Organization

The Commission is staffed by Michele W. Johnson, who was selected to serve as Director in April of 2023. Erin Bode, hired as an intern in June 2023, was named Assistant Administrator in January 2024.



Members of the Maryland Two Fifty Commission and staff at an August 28, 2024, meeting

The work of the Commission is also supported by two young professionals who are participating in the Department of Service and Civic Innovation's Maryland Corps and Service Year Option programs. These innovative programs promote Governor Moore's commitment to promoting service to the community, one of the Commission's primary goals. The Commission entered into a partnership with the Department of Service and Civic Innovation in September 2024, hiring Travis Clatterbuck (Maryland Corps) and Rinnari Smail (Service Year Option member) who will serve as Outreach Specialists through June 2025.

Funds appropriated to support the Commission are included in the budget of the Maryland Department of Planning which is tasked by the Executive Order to provide the Commission with resources and staff necessary for administering and facilitating its work.

The Commission's offices are located at 100 Community Place in Crownsville, Maryland.

## 4. SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

The Commission has identified seven signature programs, with an eighth proposed program now in the exploratory phase. Four of these signature programs launched in 2024, two are planned for 2025, and two are planned for 2026.

Year	Signature program	Description
2024	MD Two Fifty Citizen Academy program	This is a small grants program awarding \$500 grants to encourage counties and municipalities throughout Maryland to launch free short-term citizen academies to educate residents about their local government and how it works, to meet elected and staff leaders, and to understand opportunities for engagement in their community.
		The goal of this program is to boost citizen engagement, for example: volunteering for a board or Commission, running for office, voting, or attending public meetings.
		This program is tied to the Executive Order theme "to engage youth, new Americans, and lifelong learners in programs designed to encourage the search for meaning behind America and deepen engagement in civic life" and is unique among state 250 Commissions.
2024	MD Two Fifty Inclusive History grant program	This is a small grants program awarding up to \$4,000 grants to non-profit organizations and local and state government entities to fund the exploration of under-represented narratives related to Marylanders' struggle for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness before, during and after the American Revolution. The goal of this grant program is to support inclusive, community-centered research, events, programs, projects, and exhibits. Funded projects will:
		· Tell a diverse and inclusive story about America's past that invites participation from all Marylanders;
		• Encourage reflection on the ongoing evolution of American democracy, Maryland's integral role in that process, and the impact of Marylanders on the nation's past, present, and future; and Demonstrate how understanding the complexity of our history helps us to respond to the present and prepare for the future.
		This program is tied to the Executive Order themes "to acknowledge that the confiscation of Indigenous land and displacement of Indigenous people is central to the United States' origin story and recognize the persistence and contributions of these communities today"; "honor the legacy

		of both free and enslaved African Americans in the making of Maryland and the nation, whose untold stories of heroism and perseverance are critical to the understanding of our shared past and present"; and "to support the identification and enhancement of cultural assets that tell the story of who we are as Marylanders and promote place-based visitor experiences for residents and visitors alike".
2024	MD Two Fifty Fellows	This is a small grants program awarding up to \$7,500 grants to non-profit organizations and local and state government entities for paid undergraduate and graduate internships with a mentor for work on a meaningful project related to one or more of the Commission themes.
		Program goals are to attract and expose students to opportunities to serve throughout Maryland; to support inclusive, community-centered research, events, programs, projects, or exhibitions; to give students the opportunity for career exploration and development and to learn new skills; and to build capacity at internship host sites.
		This program is tied to the Executive Order theme "to celebrate service to country and community, and create opportunities that promote social responsibility, compassion, and understanding that will unite and strengthen Maryland's diverse communities for the benefit of all."
2024 Maryland Mosaic		The Commission has endorsed and is partnering with the Maryland Mosaic, a collection of historic national "firsts" that happened in Maryland. More than 150 stories, known as Mosaic Pieces, were compiled by historians Burt Kummerow and Mary Blair and reviewed by an expert panel. These Pieces tell the story of Maryland's contribution to the evolution of our nation and share an opportunity to reflect on our present and our future, based on knowledge of our past.
		The program goals are to build a statewide network of Mosaic partners that offer programming for the 250th, and for the Commission to support partners with information and promotional opportunities.
		This program is tied to the Executive Order theme "to support the identification and enhancement of cultural assets that tell the story of who we are as Marylanders and promote placebased visitor experiences for residents and visitors alike" and is unique among state 250 Commissions.

2025	Commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the US Army, Navy, and Marine Corps	The 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps will be commemorated in 2025. A major national celebration known as Homecoming 250 is planned in Philadelphia in fall 2025 for the Navy and Marine Corps.  The Commission will work with partners such as the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families, the Maryland Military Department and Maryland National Guard, Maryland's 14 Military installations, Maryland Military Installation Council, veterans' organizations, and other partners, who are planning events and programs that honor Marylanders who have served and our strong military footprint and history in Maryland.
		This partner initiative is tied to the Executive Order theme "to celebrate service to country and community, and create opportunities that promote social responsibility, compassion, and understanding that will unite and strengthen Maryland's diverse communities for the benefit of all."
2026	MD Two Fifty Free State Regional Festivals	MD Two Fifty Free State regional festivals are being planned for 2026 in partnership with the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, State ethnic Commissions, local 250th Commissions, and other partners as a vibrant homage to our state's rich history and diverse communities, with a series of educational pavilions, arts and entertainment, historical exhibits, community engagement, food and beverage, and family-friendly activities for all ages.
		These free festivals have the potential to engage all Marylanders in the regions where they live, work, play, or visit, with the goals of unity, learning, and civic engagement.
		This program is tied to all three Commission themes of history, civics, and service.

2026 Maryland Professional Baseball Partnership (proposed) This **proposed** statewide partnership with Maryland's professional baseball teams would bring MD Two Fifty themed nights with local history pre-game presentations and trivia questions; civics information booths to educate fans on voting and civic responsibilities, celebrate service and honor local residents who have served; share opportunities to serve; and offer local experience packages and giveaways to baseball fans throughout Maryland. This partnership has the capacity to engage an audience in the 250th that may otherwise not be reached – the audience of baseball fans of all ages.

This program is tied to all three Commission themes of history, civics, and service.



Chair Glendening speaks at the September 1, 2024, MD Two Fifty Recognition Ceremony at the Maryland State Fair honoring the nine Maryland winners of America250's America's Field Trip.

#### 5. COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND MEETINGS

#### **COMMISSION STRUCTURE**

As set forth in the Executive Order, the Commission is required to adopt administrative and financial procedures for the transaction of business, including, but not limited to, the establishment of advisory groups, committees, or working groups that address the themes of history, service, and civics. Bylaws, posted on the Commission website, were adopted by the Commission at its first meeting in December 2023. These bylaws describe the role of the Chair in appointing Committee members and rules for how these Committee and working groups are to conduct business.

To date, three standing working groups in support of the Commission's three primary themes – civics, history, and service - have been created to guide the substantive work of the body. The Civics Working Group is chaired by Dr. Antonio Ugues, Jr., Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy at St. Mary's College of Maryland. The History Working Group is chaired by Katie Caljean, President and CEO of the Maryland Center for History and Culture. The Service Working Group is chaired by Paul D. Monteiro, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation. At the recommendation of Chanel C. Johnson, Maryland 250 Commissioner and Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, an African American Heritage Working Group was created in August of 2024. Working group members will be appointed by Chair Glendening at the recommendation of Commissioner Johnson, at which time the working group will convene.

The work of the Commission is also supported by a Communications, Fundraising, and Events Committee which is co-chaired by Commissioner Robin V. Sproul, Executive Vice President of Javelin Communications, and Commissioner Steve Kearney, Founding Partner of K|O and Hillman Communications. This Committee will play a critical role in seeking to leverage non-state resources to support signature MD Two Fifty programs and events.

Finally, there is an Executive Committee which is authorized by the bylaws to act on behalf of the Commission when such action is required prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Commission, or when a quorum of the Commission cannot be formed. This committee is composed of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair, the chairs of the Civics, History, and Service working groups, and the co-chairs of the Communications, Fundraising, and Events Committee.

#### **COMMISSION MEETINGS**

The Executive Order requires the Commission to meet a minimum of twice per year. However, with the approach of the 2026 anniversary year, Commission meetings are expected to increase in frequency. The Commission held three in-person meetings in 2024 – on April 16, August 28, and November 12. Beginning in 2025, three in-person meetings are planned, and additional virtual meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair to approve grants and for other business as needed.



The Maryland Two Fifty Commission at its first meeting on December 3, 2023

#### WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

#### CIVICS WORKING GROUP

The Civics Working Group met virtually on March 7, 2024 to review and vote on three working group recommendations to be presented to the Commission:

- Commission membership in the Maryland Civic Education Coalition.
- A small grants program to help counties and municipalities launch citizen academies to inform and engage residents in their community.
- MD Two Fifty regional festivals to be carried out in 2026 in partnership with the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, State ethnic Commissions, local 250th Commissions, and other stakeholders.

The working group met again virtually on August 6, 2024 to review and vote on draft materials and application for the Citizen Academy small grants program.

The working group also met virtually on October 17, 2024 to review and vote on two eligible grant applications received to date (a third application received did not meet eligibility guidelines). Two additional grant applications were reviewed and voted on electronically by the working group after this meeting, for a total of four grant applications recommended to the Commission at its November 12 meeting.

#### HISTORY WORKING GROUP

The History Working Group held a hybrid meeting on March 8, 2024 to discuss guidelines and guidance for 250th programs, the Maryland Mosaic, and begin discussions of the MD Two Fifty Inclusive History small grant program.

The working group held another hybrid meeting on March 25, 2024 to further discuss the Inclusive History grant program and a form for the website for local organizations to submit programs and events for formal recognition of the Commission. At meetings on August 5 and October 18, the working group further discussed the Inclusive History small grant program and upcoming virtual information session, and a Maryland Labor 250 project proposal from a stakeholder. A final vote on the Inclusive History grant application and documentation followed electronically.

#### SERVICE WORKING GROUP

The Service Working Group met virtually on March 28, 2024, to review and finalize working group recommendations to be presented to the Commission:

- Seek partnership opportunities tied to the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps in 2025 and other military milestones.
- Create an MD Two Fifty Fellows small grants program beginning with small grants to nonprofits, government, and tribal entities for paid undergraduate and graduate internships with a mentor stipend for work on a meaningful project related to one or more of the Commission themes.

The working group met virtually on August 6, 2024 to review and vote on draft materials and application for the MD Two Fifty Fellows small grants program. The working group met again virtually on October 17, 2024 to review and vote on the grant application review process.

Subsequently, nine grant applications were received, of which eight met eligibility guidelines, and were reviewed and voted on electronically by the working group and recommended to the Commission.

#### COMMUNICATIONS, FUNDRAISING, AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Communications, Fundraising, and Events Committee held its first meeting virtually on January 23, 2024 to discuss communications goals, strategies, and priorities, and funding and fundraising.

The committee met virtually on March 29, 2024 to review and vote on five recommendations to the Commission:

- Seek partnership opportunities on events commemorating anniversaries of historical significance.
- Seek in-kind or paid support for services needed, for example: fundraising, public relations, graphic design, and podcast series production.
- Retain the services of a fiscal sponsor so that private funds can be raised and distributed.
- Explore a vendor partnership for branded merchandise.
- Request that the Governor's office direct state grant funders to prioritize 250th projects when appropriate.

The committee organized an in-person facilitated messaging and planning workshop with Sandy Hillman of K|O and Hillman Communications, inviting all Commissioners, on June 11, 2024, resulting in a draft vision statement that was recommended to the Commission (see page 6). The committee met virtually on August 6, 2024 to discuss the concept of a branded podcast series and next steps after the June workshop, and on October 18, 2024 to discuss partnership opportunities with America250, and to review and consider a proposal for a statewide professional baseball partnership.



The B&O Museum in Oakland, Maryland, which Director Johnson toured on October 22, 2024

#### 6. ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2024

#### COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE NOW IN PLACE

#### BRANDING AND WEBSITE

Following the fall 2023 launch of the logo, tagline "Maryland's Story is America's Story", and website landing page, in collaboration with Mission, a brand marketing agency located in Baltimore, the full website was launched in March 2024, <a href="mailto:mdtwofifty.maryland.gov">mdtwofifty.maryland.gov</a>. Permission was requested and granted from the Maryland Department of IT for a special website outside of the state website template. Commission staff spend significant time adding content to the website including news, events, places, and stories.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media accounts were established on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, and launched concurrently with the website. The first social media campaign was "Today in Maryland History".

#### NEWSLETTER

A monthly digital newsletter launched in April 2024 with a Director's column, featured events and places, an interview with a Commissioner, and announcements. Subscribers sign up via the website.

#### MD TWO FIFTY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Up to \$225,000 was set aside in June 2024 for small grants for local 250th initiatives with a goal of helping communities throughout the state with initiatives connected to the MD Two Fifty themes of history, civics, and/or service. An agreement was signed with Maryland Humanities to distribute grant funding at the direction of the Commission, and funds were transferred to Maryland Humanities.

With a September 2024 launch, by the end of 2024, 12 small grants totaling nearly \$60,000 were awarded to communities throughout the state, with another \$165,000 expected to be awarded by the end of the fiscal year.

MD Two Fifty citizen academy small grants program			
Carroll County,	Town of	Town of Myersville,	Town of Ridgely,
\$500	Bladensburg, \$500	\$500	\$500

MD Two Fifty Fellows small grants program			
Blacks of the Chesapeake, \$7,500	Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$7,500	College of Southern Maryland Foundation, \$7,439	Dorchester County Historical Society, \$5,000
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, \$7,500	Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, \$7,500	Lakeland Community Heritage Project, \$7,500	Maryland Historical Trust, \$7,200

The MD Two Fifty Inclusive History small grants program launched in September 2024, but with a December 6 application deadline, information on awarded grants was not available at the time this report was submitted.

#### STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT LAUNCHED

Statewide virtual convenings of stakeholders began in February 2024 and were held every six weeks through the end of the year. Each convening focused on a topic relevant to partners and stakeholders with topics including national and state 250th themes, civic engagement, grant funding for the 250th, incorporating the 250th into existing events, Maryland military history, and America's Field Trip. Following the guest speaker and Commission updates, stakeholders from throughout Maryland shared updates from their communities. Eight convenings were held on February 21, April 3, May 15, June 26, August 7, September 18, October 30, and December 11, with guest speakers from the National Park Service, the Maryland States Arts Council, the Starr Center for Study of the American Experience at Washington College, America250, the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Maryland National Guard. Stakeholder relationships with Commission staff and other stakeholders have been strengthened at these sessions and new partnerships have emerged.

Statewide virtual office hours began in February and were held monthly through December. This is an opportunity for stakeholders to share ideas, requests, and questions with Commission staff.

Informational resources are shared on the Commission website with permission from national organizations including America250 and the American Association for State and Local History.

The Commission offers customized logos for partners to be used in promotional materials. To date, customized logos have been requested and provided to the City of Annapolis, and Carroll, Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties.

Additionally, co-branding and promotion of events, places, and stories on the MD Two Fifty website, social media, and newsletter are available to partners upon request.

#### LOCAL 250 COMMISSIONS LAUNCHED STATEWIDE

Local participation is a priority of the Commission. Local communities statewide are encouraged to launch a local commission. As of the time this report was submitted, local 250th commissions or committees have launched in Annapolis, Bladensburg, Calvert County, Carroll County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Lower Shore, Prince George's County, Southern Maryland, and Washington County. Additional local initiatives are tracked, added to the "Get Involved" page of the Commission website with contact information, and then contacted regarding support.

Some communities and institutions in Maryland will have milestone anniversaries in 2025 and 2026, and efforts are being made to co-brand and partner when possible. Milestone anniversaries are being tracked, including: Anne Arundel County (375th in 2025); Town of Church Hill (150th in 2026); Deep Creek Lake (100th in 2025); Town of Greensboro (200th in 2026); John Hopkins University (150th in 2026); Montgomery County (250th in 2026); Town of Ocean City (150th in 2025); Salisbury University (100th in 2025); and Washington County (250th in 2026).

The Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Maryland State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution also have active 250th committees.

#### **OUTREACH**

The 250th is a national commemoration with state and local execution, and the focus of the Maryland 250 Commission is on the entire state of Maryland. Outreach to local communities and stakeholders, and building relationships and partnerships, are vital to the success of the Commission. Outreach is done via presentations, tabling at major conferences and events, virtual and in-person meetings, and visits to local communities statewide to meet stakeholders and learn about their communities. In the 21 months since April 2023, all counties and Baltimore City have been visited by Commission staff. A list of outreach activities in the various regions of Maryland, and at the state, regional and national levels, is included as Appendix 2.

#### 7. ACTION PLAN UPDATE

#### **BUILD PARTNERSHIPS** In-person and virtual presentations, stakeholder visits, STATEWIDE AND BOOST meetings, and tabling at and/or attending major events **AWARENESS OF THE** Partner with state, county, and municipal partners, and 250TH (ONGOING) nonprofit and business partners, to engage all Marylanders in the 250th o Encourage counties, municipalities, and organizations to sign resolutions in support of the 250th Build a statewide network of partners as a legacy for use in future commemorations such as Maryland's 400th in 2034 Explore a partnership for branded merchandise COLLABORATE, Funding: MD Two Fifty small grant program launched **ENCOURAGE, AND** September 2024 with Citizen Academy grants, MD Two SUPPORT STAKEHOLDERS Fifty Fellows grants, and Inclusive History grants STATEWIDE (ONGOING) Informational resources: Share digital resources on Commission website and social media to assist communities with planning for the 250th and federal, state, and private funding opportunities for the 250th Provide opportunities for collaboration via statewide virtual convenings, statewide virtual office hours, and in-person convenings BUILD AND PROMOTE KEY 2024: Launch MD Two Fifty Small grants program COMMISSION INITIATIVES Retain the services of a fiscal sponsor (Uplift Alliance is AND ENGAGE on contract) **MARYLANDERS** Build Maryland Mosaic Statewide Network of Partners STATEWIDE, FOCUSING Explore professional baseball statewide partnership **ON 250TH LEGACY** 2025: Collaborate with partners to commemorate the PROJECTS WITH STATE 250th anniversary of the US Army, Navy, and Marine AND LOCAL PARTNERS Corps, and tell the story of Maryland Military history. (ONGOING) Explore an MD Two Fifty statewide awards program Secure private funding to supplement state funding and support statewide and local 250th initiatives o 2026: MD Two Fifty Free State regional festivals with partners including the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, State ethnic Commissions, local 250th Commissions, and other partners

Proposed professional baseball statewide partnership

# PARTICIPATE IN AND PROMOTE SELECTED PARTNER INITIATIVES (ONGOING)

- Serve as the official Maryland partner of America250, represent the Commission at America250 convenings, promote programs of interest such as America's Field Trip
- Represent Maryland at 250th convenings of the American Association for State and Local History
- Represent Maryland at Mid-Atlantic regional 250th partner meetings with Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania
- Engage as a member of the Maryland Civic Education Coalition
- Build a statewide network of Maryland Mosaic partners (150+ national firsts that happened in Maryland)
- Promote information and media literacy initiatives of partners including the Secretary of State's office and Maryland Board of Elections
- 2025: Ken Burns PBS 6-part 12-hour series, The American Revolution, with stories of the men and women who participated in the birth of the nation
- 2026: Maryland State House Trust monument on the State House grounds honoring Black Revolutionary War Patriots.
- 2026: Maryland State Archives book honoring the story of individuals who served in the Maryland 400 in the Battle of Brooklyn.
- 2026: Carol Highsmith Maryland photo book in partnership with Maryland Public Television

## PROMOTE THE THEME OF HISTORY AND ENGAGE MARYLANDERS IN HISTORY

(ONGOING)

- Participate and/or partner on initiatives and events commemorating anniversaries of historical significance, with priorities including the Maryland 400 in the Battle of Brooklyn, the 250th anniversary of the US Military, and local history throughout the state
- Solicit feedback from stakeholders statewide about other opportunities for partnership on such events
- Actively participate in and support Maryland History day statewide and regional events
- Engage with Maryland State Park Service and promote history within state parks
- Convene historical societies statewide to engage in the 250th
- Promote community history conferences, walking tours, and cemetery tourism



Director Johnson and the Annapolis 250 team at Annapolis 250's kickoff event, Peggy Stewart 250, on October 19, 2024

## 8. BUDGET

The Executive Order creating the Commission calls for the Maryland Department of Planning to provide the Commission with resources and staff necessary for administering and facilitating its work. Appropriations to the Commission's budget are therefore included in the Department's operating budget as a stand-alone line item.

FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH OCTOBER 2024	
FY2023 State funding	\$250,000
FY2024 State funding	\$250,000
FY2025 State funding	\$250,000
America250 grant	\$10,000
Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation	\$51,660
Private donations and gifts	\$0
TOTAL	\$811,660

ESTIMATED EXPENSES THROUGH OCTOBER 2024			
Item	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025 (thru October 2024)
Contractual	\$4,000	\$23,000	\$18,000
IT/web/branding/hosting	\$35,000	\$15,000	
Printing		\$1,900	\$1,100
Mailchimp		\$78	\$100
Commission Events		\$3,100	\$0
MML and MACO conferences	\$2,500	\$7,200	\$4,000
AASLH conference		\$2,000	
Virginia 250 convening		\$1,500	
America250PA convening			\$1,000
In-state travel and mileage		\$5,000	\$3,000
Transfer to MD Humanities for small grants		\$226,500	
Uplift Alliance for fiscal sponsor support			\$10,000
TOTAL	\$41,500	\$285,278	\$37,200

## 9. CONTRACTS

The Commission has engaged in contracts with three vendors totaling \$60,800 as described in the table below.

Contractor	Date	Amount	Scope
Mission	06/30/2023	\$35,000	Branding and web design
Mission	02/12/2024	\$9,400	Pre- and post-launch support of website
Mission	02/12/2024	\$4,900	Web hosting for 5 years with updates and security
Maryland Humanities	06/10/2024	\$1,500	Distribution of MD Two Fifty small grant funds, at the direction of Commission
Uplift Alliance	10/17/2024	\$10,000	Serve as the fiscal sponsor of Commission, enabling the Commission to receive private donations as directed by Executive Order
	TOTAL	\$60,800	



Caroline County resolves 250th Anniversary on July 9, 2024, in Denton





#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

01.01.2024.29

(Amends Executive Order 01.01.2023.10)

#### Maryland 250 Commission

WHEREAS, The 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America will

occur on July 4, 2026;

inclusive observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the nation that recognizes all Marylanders' struggle for life, liberty and the pursuit of

happiness before, during and after the Revolution.

WHEREAS Maryland made significant contributions to the Revolutionary War by

supplying material, resources, ships and soldiers;

WHEREAS, This anniversary invites us to reflect on the ongoing evolution of American

democracy, Maryland's integral role in that process, and the impact of

Marylanders on the nation's past, present, and future;

WHEREAS. Stories of revolution exist in all periods of time and in all places and sectors

of our State, demonstrating Marylanders' boundless capacity for

innovation, growth and development;

WHEREAS, By celebrating our successes and reckoning with our setbacks, we will

deepen public understanding of our complex history, strengthen public appreciation for service to our country, and inspire public engagement in

civic life; and

WHEREAS, Inclusive conversations about our shared past allow us to discuss who we

are today and who we want to be in the future so that we may invigorate and sustain the United States of America for the benefit of future

generations, ensuring that no one is left behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY

VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2023.10 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- I. There is a Maryland 250 Commission (The "Commission").
- II. Membership.
  - A. The Commission shall consist of the following members:
    - 1. The Lieutenant Governor:
    - 2. The Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;
    - 3. The Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;
    - 4. The Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;
    - 5. The Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
    - 6. The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;
    - 7. The Secretary of Service and Civic Innovation, or the Secretary's designee;
    - 8. The Secretary of State, or the Secretary's designee;
    - 9. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;
    - 10. The State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;
    - 11. The State Archivist, or the Archivist's designee;
    - 12. The State Historic Preservation Officer, or the Officer's designee;
    - 13. The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, or the Executive Director's designee;
    - 14. The Executive Director, Maryland State Arts Council, or the Executive Director's designee;
    - 15. The Administrative Director of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, or the Administrative Director's designee;
    - 16. The Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, or the Executive Director's designee;
    - 17. THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, OR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DESIGNEE;
    - The Director of the Maryland Commission for Women, or the Director's designee; and
    - [18] 19. Up to five members of the general public appointed by the Governor.
  - B. The following are invited to be, and shall be upon acceptance, members of the Commission:
    - 1. Two members appointed by the President of the Maryland Senate;
    - 2. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates;
    - 3. The Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Counties, or Executive Director's designee;
    - 4. The Executive Director of the Maryland Municipal League, or Executive Director's designee; and

- Up to three members from the nonprofit community, selected from the Maryland Center for History and Culture, the Maryland Humanities Council, Preservation Maryland, or other similar organizations.
- C. The Governor shall appoint the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Commission.
- D. Members serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- III. The Maryland Department of Planning shall provide the Commission with resources and staff as feasible and necessary for administering and facilitating the work of the Commission.
- IV. Members of the Commission may not receive any compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of duties in accordance with the State Standard Travel Regulations and as provided in the State budget.

#### V. The Commission shall:

- A. Adopt administrative and financial procedures for the transaction of business, including, but not limited to, the establishment of advisory groups, committees, or working groups that address the themes of history, service, and civics.
- B. Hold at a minimum semi-annual meetings,
  - 1. At times and places to be determined by the Chair;
  - 2. That are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act; and
  - 3. That allow for remote meetings and electronic voting.
- C. Coordinate, engage, and liaise with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, and other local, county, and state commissions, and private and public partner organizations.
- D. Serve as the State of Maryland's official representative for the Semiquincentennial, and all related activities, communications, and events.
- E. Solicit, accept, use and dispose of donations, funds and gifts in conformance with the Public Ethics Law, to support the goals and purposes of the Commission.
- F. Invite broad-based public input on the meaning, significance, and opportunities of this anniversary that will inform development of commemoration activities, programs, and events.

- G. Acknowledge that the confiscation of Indigenous land and displacement of Indigenous people is central to the United States' origin story and recognize the persistence and contributions of these communities today.
- H. Honor the legacy of both free and enslaved African Americans in the making of Maryland and the nation, whose untold stories of heroism and perseverance are critical to the understanding of our shared past and present.
- I. Support the identification and enhancement of cultural assets that tell the story of who we are as Marylanders and promote place-based visitor experiences for residents and visitors alike.
- J. Engage youth, new Americans, and lifelong learners in programs designed to encourage the search for meaning behind America and deepen engagement in civic life.
- K. Celebrate service to country and community, and create opportunities that promote social responsibility, compassion and understanding that will unite and strengthen Maryland's diverse communities for the benefit of all.

#### VI. The Commission shall further:

- A. Submit an Action Plan to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2023, that outlines the Commission's goals, mission, and recommendations; and
- B. Produce by December 31 of each year an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly that includes an update on the Action Plan, implementation benchmarks, related deadlines and schedules, and an accounting and enumeration of all contracts, donations, and gifts.
- VII. The Commission shall terminate on December 31, 2027.
- VIII. This Executive Order shall be implemented in a manner that is consistent with all applicable statutes and regulations. Nothing in this Executive Order shall operate to contravene any State or federal law or to affect the State's receipt of federal funding.

IX. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Executive Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 4th day of September, 2024.

Wes Moore Governor

ATTEST:

Susan Lee Secretary of State

## APPENDIX 2: OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

## NATIONAL AND REGIONAL

>	America250	Presented to America 250 Commission in Washington, DC; attended national convening of states and territories (and gave brief presentation); attended national virtual convenings and briefings
>	American Association for State and Local History	Attended quarterly state and territory 250 Commissions virtual meetings; attended training webinar: facilitated 250th planning workshops for small history organizations
>	America250PA national convening, Philadelphia, PA	Attended national convening of states, territories, and partners
>	American Academy of Arts and Sciences	Attended virtual 250 convenings
>	Federation of State Humanities Councils	Meeting
>	Mid-Atlantic regional 250 partners	Attended quarterly meetings with Directors of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania 250 Commissions
>	National Park Service	Meetings with Maryland-based and regional staff; briefing on Semiquincentennial grant program
>	New York State 250th Commission	Attended meeting to explore partnership on the Battle of Brooklyn and Maryland 400
>	Revolutionary Narratives	Attended virtual meeting
>	South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission	Attended meeting to explore partnership on the Revolutionary War connection of South Carolina and Maryland
>	Virginia 250, "A Common Cause to All" national convening, Williamsburg, VA	Attended national convening of states, territories and partners

## STATE

>	Looking Back to Look Ahead: Frederick Douglass, George	Planned and
	Washington, and America at 250	executed official MD
>	Recognition ceremony for Maryland winners of America250's	Two Fifty events
	America's Field Trip national contest at Maryland State Fair	
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Governor's Office of Community Initiatives and state ethnic Commission Directors and Chairs	Community engagement meeting: presentation and discussion to plan future collaborations; meetings
<ul> <li>League of Women Voters of Maryland</li> <li>Maryland Army National Guard and Maryland Military         Department</li> <li>Maryland Civic Education Coalition monthly meetings</li> <li>Maryland Department of Housing and Community         Development, Main Street Maryland program</li> <li>Maryland Department of Transportation, historical markers         program</li> <li>Maryland labor history 250 proposed project</li> <li>Maryland Mosaic and Mosaic partner meetings</li> <li>Maryland Public Television (Carol Highsmith proposed 250th         book project)</li> <li>Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution</li> <li>Maryland State Chamber of Commerce (Maryland Civics Bee)</li> <li>Maryland Student Legislature</li> </ul>	Meetings
<ul> <li>Legacy 250 workshops</li> <li>Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation host site kickoff</li> <li>Maryland Secretary of State's Black history month program</li> </ul>	Events attended
<ul> <li>Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows</li> <li>Maryland Association of Destination Marketing Organizations</li> <li>Maryland Municipal League webinar</li> <li>Maryland Social Studies Collaborative</li> <li>Maryland State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, 250th Committee</li> <li>Maryland Tourism Coalition annual summit (Sec. Flora)</li> <li>Maryland Tourism Coalition moderator at spring seminar</li> </ul>	Presentations / Moderator
<ul> <li>Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference</li> <li>Maryland Folk Festival</li> <li>Maryland Municipal League summer conference</li> </ul>	Tabled
Maryland History Day (Judge)	Volunteer

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND SOUTHERN MARYLAND

<ul> <li>America's 250th in Calvert County in 2026 committee</li> <li>Southern Maryland 250 Committee</li> </ul>	Presentations
<ul> <li>Maryland Daughters of the American Revolution America250 patriot marker dedication</li> <li>Peggy Stewart 250th anniversary commemoration / Annapolis 250 launch</li> </ul>	Partner events attended
<ul><li>Museum of Historic Annapolis</li><li>William Paca House and Garden, Annapolis</li></ul>	Tours
<ul> <li>St. George Island Commemoration planning</li> <li>Southern Maryland 250 Committee</li> </ul>	Meetings attended

## BALTIMORE REGION

<ul> <li>American Friends of Lafayette reenactment of Bicentennial of Lafayette's October 7, 1824 visit to Fort McHenry (Chair Glendening)</li> <li>Carroll County 250 Community Stakeholder meeting</li> <li>Historic Hampton Inc. Board of Directors</li> </ul>	Presentatio ns
<ul> <li>American Friends of Lafayette</li> <li>Babe Ruth Birthplace Sports Legends Museum</li> </ul>	Meetings attended
<ul> <li>Bread Upon the Waters: Baltimore's Black Maritime Legacy (film screening)</li> <li>Collective Action: Labor Activism in 21st Century Baltimore, Baltimore Museum of Industry (exhibit opening)</li> <li>Elijah E. Cummings Democracy and Freedom Festival 2024</li> </ul>	Partner events attended
<ul> <li>Fleet Week and Flyover Baltimore Communications Committee</li> <li>Johns Hopkins University 150th anniversary</li> <li>Pride of Baltimore</li> <li>Sail Baltimore</li> </ul>	Meetings

## EASTERN SHORE

Chestertown Tea Party opening night reception	Commission co- sponsored event
<ul> <li>Beach to Bay Heritage Area museums meeting</li> <li>Chestertown Tea Party opening night reception (Commissioners Sec. Flora and Sec. Monteiro)</li> <li>Dorchester 250</li> <li>Frederick Douglass Honor Society Board of Directors</li> <li>Kent County Museums</li> <li>Lower Shore 250 (presentations at planning meeting and kickoff)</li> <li>Lower Shore Nonprofit Summit keynote</li> <li>Midshore Regional Council</li> <li>The Outpost Board of Directors (Buffalo Soldier site in Wicomico County)</li> <li>Queen Anne's County Consortium</li> </ul>	Presentations
<ul> <li>Beach to Bay Heritage Area</li> <li>Caroline County Economic Development and Tourism</li> <li>Discover Easton</li> <li>Lower Shore Humanities Network</li> <li>Salisbury University Institute of Public Affairs and Civic Engagement</li> <li>Dr. Clara Small, retired Salisbury University history professor</li> <li>Smith Island United</li> <li>Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area</li> <li>Talbot County government</li> <li>Washington College Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience</li> </ul>	Meetings
<ul> <li>Caroline County Resolves 250th Anniversary</li> <li>Frederick Douglass Day, Easton</li> <li>"Kin" reception and book talk, Easton</li> <li>Dorchester County 250 Pride of Baltimore 2 sail on Choptank</li> <li>What to the Slave is the 4th of July: Nikole Hannah Jones and 1619 Project</li> </ul>	Partner events attended
> Caroline County	Tour
<ul> <li>Chestertown Tea Party opening night reception and Festival</li> <li>Footsteps to Freedom Festival: The historic link between sacrifice, triumph, and the modern-day civil rights movement</li> </ul>	Tabled
<ul><li>Upper Shore Regional History day judge</li><li>Waterfowl Festival event volunteer</li></ul>	Volunteer
➤ WHCP Radio 91.7	Media interview

## NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

<ul> <li>Anacostia Trails Heritage Area</li> <li>Learning Life (democracy and diplomacy)</li> <li>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission</li> <li>Montgomery History</li> <li>Prince George's County America 250</li> </ul>	Meetings attended
<ul> <li>University of Maryland Libraries Living Democracy Symposium</li> </ul>	Partner event attended
Upper Marlboro Mayor and Historical Committee Chair	Presentation

## WESTERN MARYLAND

<ul> <li>Allegany Museum, Cumberland</li> <li>B&amp;O Museum, Oakland</li> <li>Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mountain Lake Park</li> <li>Boonsboro Trolley Museum, Boonsboro</li> <li>C&amp;O Canal National Historic Park, Cumberland</li> <li>Clara Barton monument, Hagerstown</li> <li>Fort Frederick State Park, Big Pool</li> <li>George Washington's Headquarters, Cumberland</li> <li>Grantsville Museum, Grantsville</li> <li>Meritus Park, Hagerstown</li> <li>Mountain Lake Park Historical Association Museum, Mountain Lake Park</li> <li>Museum of Transportation, Oakland</li> <li>National Road Museum, Boonsboro</li> <li>Thomas Kennedy monument, Hagerstown</li> </ul>	Tours
<ul> <li>Allegany County stakeholders meeting hosted by City of Cumberland</li> <li>Garrett County stakeholders meeting hosted by Chamber of Commerce and Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area, Oakland</li> <li>Heart of Civil War Heritage Area virtual 250 convenings</li> <li>Washington County stakeholders meeting hosted by Visit Hagerstown and Washington County, Washington County Public Library</li> </ul>	Presentatio ns
<ul><li>Frederick Keys General Manager</li><li>Washington County 250</li></ul>	Meetings
> Washington County Public Schools Student Diversity Conference	Tabled

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