

America250 Fireworks Celebration in Madison

Semiquincentennial Community Grant (\$2,500)

City of Madison

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Application Form

Applicant Information

Organization Name*

Enter the legal name of your municipality or county commission. The name provided here will be the grantee name printed on any future agreements, checks, and reports.

City of Madison

Organization Type*

Select whether you are applying as an Alabama municipality or county commission.

Municipality

Municipality or County Seat*

Enter the name of your municipality or, if applying as a commission, the municipality that serves as your county seat. America250AL will use this data when generating reports.

City of Madison

Organization County*

Select the name of your county or, if applying as a municipality, the county or counties where your municipality is located. America250AL will use this data when generating reports.

Madison

Federal Congressional District*

Select the federal Congressional district(s) where your organization is located. To view a map of Alabama's Congressional Districts, or to search by address, click [here](#). America250AL will use this data when generating reports.

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State Senate District*

Enter the state senate district(s) where your organization is located. To view a map of Alabama's Congressional districts, or to search by address, click [here](#). America250AL will use this data when generating reports.

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State House District*

Select the state house district(s) where your organization is located. To view a map of Alabama's Congressional districts, or to search by address, click [here](#). America250AL will use this data when generating reports.

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Project Information

Project Name*

Enter a title for your proposed project.

America250 Fireworks Celebration in Madison

Project Description*

Provide a brief summary of your proposed project. America250AL will use this description when promoting funded projects and when generating reports.

The America250 Fireworks Celebration in Madison will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States with a family-friendly evening of live music, food vendors, a presentation commemorating our Nation's birthday and rich history, and a large-scale fireworks display. This community-wide event will honor our nation's history, celebrate our community, and bring residents together for a safe, patriotic celebration.

Project Dates*

Provide the date, or a range of dates, when you intend to host public events and programs.

July 3, 2026

Community Involvement Criteria*

All grant-funded projects must meet **all of the following** criteria. Select each that you believe your project will meet.

Be open and accessible to the public
Foster community involvement and unity

Community Involvement Details*

Briefly describe how your project will meet the criteria you selected above.

The America250 Fireworks Celebration in Madison will be a true community-wide effort, bringing together residents, local businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to honor our nation's 250th anniversary. While the City is spearheading the event, a committee of residents is working hard behind the scenes to make this an event worthy of America's 250th birthday! Local musicians and performers will provide live entertainment, food trucks and vendors will showcase Madison-based businesses, and community organizations will host family-friendly activities. Sponsorship opportunities will allow businesses to directly support the event, while volunteers will assist with logistics, hospitality, and safety. The celebration will create a shared space for neighbors to gather, connect, and celebrate Madison's strong spirit of community and patriotism.

250th Commemoration Criteria*

All grant-funded projects must meet **all of the following** criteria. Select each that you believe your project will meet.

Demonstrate clear relevance to Alabama's commemoration of the U.S. sesquicentennial
Be feasible and take place between January 1 and August 31, 2026
Acknowledge support from America250AL

250th Commemoration Details*

Briefly describe how your project will meet the criteria you selected above.

The America250 Fireworks Celebration in Madison directly supports Alabama's commemoration of the United States Semiquincentennial by providing a large-scale, family-friendly event that honors the nation's founding while highlighting the role Alabama communities play in its ongoing story. This celebration will take place on July 3, 2026, and will feature patriotic programming, historical recognition elements, and a culminating fireworks display that unites residents in reflection and pride.

The City of Madison has extensive experience producing safe, well-attended public events and will utilize established partnerships with public safety agencies, vendors, and community organizations to ensure feasibility and successful execution within the required timeframe.

All promotional materials, event signage, and public remarks will prominently acknowledge America250AL's support, including logo placement and verbal recognition during the program.

Programming Criteria*

All grant-funded projects must meet **at least one of the following** criteria. Select each that you believe your project will meet.

Enrich public understanding of America's founding principles, history, or system of self-government
Enhance civic education and engagement to advance the cause of liberty and self-governance
Emphasize the service and sacrifices of American veterans of all generations

Programming Details*

Briefly describe how your project will meet the criteria you selected above.

The America250 Fireworks Celebration in Madison will intentionally incorporate educational and civic components that deepen public understanding of America's founding principles and system of self-government. The event program will include brief remarks highlighting the Declaration of Independence, the enduring ideals of liberty and representative government, and Alabama's role in the nation's 250-year story.

To enhance civic education and engagement, the event will promote opportunities for residents to participate in self-governance, including voter registration resources, information about local boards and commissions, and youth-focused civic engagement materials. By hosting the celebration in a public setting and encouraging intergenerational participation, the City will create a space that reinforces civic pride, dialogue, and community involvement.

The program will place special emphasis on honoring the service and sacrifices of American veterans from all generations. Veterans will be recognized during the formal program, and local veteran service organizations will be invited to participate. The event will include a patriotic tribute segment acknowledging those who have defended the nation's freedoms, ensuring that the celebration reflects both gratitude and respect for their enduring contributions to liberty and self-governance.

Additional Project Details

Provide any additional information you believe may be helpful for our reviewers to fully understand your project. You may choose to provide a full narrative for your project, describe context for your project, or simply list important details.

You might consider:

- Identifying the objectives of the project and the major elements and activities.

- Providing an outline detailing when activities will occur, including planning, publicity, and events.
- Describing the goals, expected outcomes of the project, and the anticipated impact of the project on your local community.

America250AL may deny applications or request additional information before awarding a grant if not enough details are provided to fully describe the project or demonstrate the project meets all required criteria.

The America250 Fireworks Celebration at Dublin Park will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States by fostering civic pride, promoting education about America's founding principles, and honoring veterans. Major elements of the event will include:

- A formal patriotic program recognizing America's founding ideals and Alabama's role in the nation's history
- A veterans tribute segment honoring service members of all generations
- Civic education displays and community resource booths
- Family-friendly activities and local food vendors
- A large-scale fireworks display as the culminating celebration

The event will be free and open to the public to ensure broad community access and participation.

The primary goal is to create a meaningful, accessible commemoration that strengthens public understanding of America's founding principles and inspires civic engagement.

Expected outcomes include:

- Strong community attendance and intergenerational participation
- Increased awareness of civic engagement opportunities
- Public recognition of veteran service and sacrifice
- Strengthened community pride and unity
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The anticipated impact is a renewed sense of shared identity and responsibility among Madison residents. By hosting this celebration at Dublin Park, a central and well-loved public space, the City will create an inclusive environment where families, veterans, students, and community leaders come together to reflect on the nation's history and its future.

Support Materials (Optional)

Attach additional materials to support your application. Attachments may include photographs and graphics, brochures, agendas, and promotional items. All materials must be combined into one file to upload.

Financial Information

Funds Requested*

Enter the total amount of grant funds requested from America250AL. **The amount listed here should match the total provided in the table below and should not exceed \$2,500.00.**

\$2,500.00

Disallowed Costs*

Grant funding may not be used to pay for **any of the following costs**. Select each to indicate that you understand and agree not to expend funding on any of the listed costs.

Food and alcohol

Personnel (salaries and wages)

Lobbying and lobbying services

Contributions to endowment funds

Real estate purchases

Grant Period*

Grant funding may only be used to pay for costs incurred by your organization between **January 1 and August 31, 2026**. Select the box below to indicate that you understand and that you intend to incur all costs listed below within the stated grant period.

I understand

Budget Spreadsheet

Describe below how your organization will expend the funding awarded by America250AL. **The amount listed here should match the total requested above and should not exceed \$2,500.00.**

Line Items	Budgeted Costs (Application)	Approved Costs (Grant Agreement)	Actual Costs (Final Report)
Artist Stipends and Fees			
Honoraria for Scholars and Presenters			
Printing and Publications			
Promotion and Advertising			
Supplies, Materials, and Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Travel Costs			
Venue Rentals and Facility Fees			
Other Costs (describe below)			
Total	2500	2500	

Budget Notes

Provide any notes for your budget that you believe may be helpful for our reviewers to fully understand your project. If you requested funding for Other Costs, explain those costs here.

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Major expense categories include fireworks production, staging and sound for the patriotic program, and marketing and promotional material.

Contact Information

Project Director's Name*

Enter the name of the individual who is primarily responsible for completing the proposed project.

Amanda Jarrett

Project Director's Organization and Title*

City of Madison, Director of Operations and Communications

Project Director's Email Address*

amanda.jarrett@madisonal.gov

Project Director's Phone Number*

256-772-5602

AGREEMENT

By submitting this application, the applicant certifies:

- that the individual listed above has reviewed the information provided and is authorized to apply for this grant on behalf of the applicant organization.
- that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of the applicant's knowledge.
- that the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws governing the use of public funds.
- and acknowledges that, if a grant is awarded, acceptance of funds will require execution of a grant agreement and submission of relevant documentation, including a final grant report.
- that the applicant agrees to use any awarded funds solely for the purposes described in this application or as otherwise specified in a grant agreement with America250AL.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded