



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 05, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Approval to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding with America250 Utah
Presented by Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Commission Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Juan County and the America250 Utah Commission to support the planning and promotion of local activities commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States.

SUMMARY

The America250 Utah Commission, established by the State of Utah, is leading a statewide initiative to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026. As part of this effort, counties are invited to form local committees, participate in signature events, and collect historical materials for statewide archives.

This MOU formalizes San Juan County's participation and outlines expectations in exchange for a financial stipend. The funds may be used to support local events such as parades, recognition programs, storytelling, and public education related to San Juan County's historical contributions.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Commissioner Silvia Stubbs initially brought forward the resolution for San Juan County to participate in the America250 Utah initiative, with the intent to support local commemorations tied to the 250th anniversary of the United States. She has taken the lead in organizing and coordinating the county's involvement, including the establishment of the San Juan County Utah250 Community Committee.

Under her direction, the County has already committed to two local activities:

- Participation in the Fourth of July Parade through a commemorative float
- A recognition plaque honoring veterans from the Aneth Chapter House

This MOU formalizes San Juan County's role as a participating partner and outlines next steps to access the America250 Utah stipend and fulfill the program requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

The MOU includes a \$3,000 stipend from America250 Utah to be used for promotional and commemorative purposes in San Juan County. No county match is required. These funds will support local events, public outreach, and archiving activities related to the America250 effort.