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New Grant Program and Oral History Initiative Announced as Part of the America250 in Idaho Commemoration

Boise, ID—The Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS), in collaboration with the America250 in Idaho State Agency Task Force, is pleased to announce a grant opportunity and oral history initiative aligned to the America250 in Idaho commemoration. The commemoration, culminating in 2026, is a national effort to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. Idaho's commemoration aims to advance the ideals of the American Revolution – equality, liberty, and justice – through meaningful community engagement, while recognizing and highlighting Idaho's journey in America's legacy.

The America250 in Idaho Grant Program provides grants to qualifying organizations ranging from \$5,000-\$25,000 with a 10% match (cash or in-kind). Funding supports capital, accessibility, sustainability, preservation, and educational projects. Specific details regarding eligible projects, application criteria, and application timeline are available at america250.idaho.gov/america250-in-idaho-legacy-projects. Non-profit, tribal, and local governments are encouraged to apply at: gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/15f0a084-7e53-4d57-a543-f409165ee8f2. The application deadline is September 30, 2024.

The America250 in Idaho Oral History Initiative provides access to an oral history software subscription, TheirStory, Inc. Through this partnership with the Idaho State Historical Society,

eligible entities can better manage oral history projects, decreasing the cost and time involved in capturing oral history interviews. The Oral History Initiative is open to Idaho non-profits, tribal, federal, state, and local government, universities and K-12 schools, and for-profit businesses. Learn more and apply at: gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/0da3db6d-6111-4bef-a691-7066318e5832. The application deadline is September 30, 2024.

These opportunities support Idaho's America250 commemorative efforts. Projects completed as part of these opportunities will become part of America250 in Idaho's lasting legacy. "We are fully committed to leveraging this unique, once-in-a-lifetime commemoration to ensure that historical and cultural organizations across the state gain vital access to essential resources," emphasizes State Historian HannaLore Hein. For more details and application guidelines, please visit america250.idaho.gov.

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On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The Congressional America250 Caucus, established by Congress in 2016, includes Idaho's US Congressmen Mike Simpson and Russ Fulcher and US Senators Jim Risch and Mike Crapo.

This is a unique opportunity for Idaho to participate in a national commemoration that embraces Idaho's role in American history and underscores the state's commitment to the fundamental values of freedom and self-governance that shaped America. Learn more at america250.idaho.gov.