



Indiana Arts Commission America250 Grant Program Evaluation Criteria for Fiscal Year 2026

About America250

Program Overview:

In anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Indiana Arts Commission is accepting applications for arts projects in any discipline that celebrate American history and connect participants to that history.

Program Goal:

- Celebrate American history.
- Provide Indiana's people and communities access to arts experiences.

Program Outcomes

- Hoosiers celebrate, learn, and reflect on American history through the arts
- Indiana's arts providers have expanded opportunities to enhance the quality of life in their communities§
[§ IAC 2024 – 2028 Long-Term Strategic Framework Impact](#)

Review Criteria

Artistic Quality

The extent to which the project:

- Demonstrates artistic excellence
- Demonstrates artistic merit

America250 Celebration and Connection

The extent to which the project:

- Celebrates American history
- Connects its intended audience to American history

Project Management and Feasibility

The extent to which the project:

- Details spending aligned with the project description
- Provides a defined and feasible timeline for project activities