

Dear County Commission President,

I'm happy to share that Governor Morrisey has launched the America250 Mural Project — a statewide initiative designed to celebrate West Virginia's rich and local national heritage through hand-painted murals. As part of President Trump's year-long tribute to our nation's founding, West Virginia proudly becomes the first state in the country to create a statewide America's 250th mural trail by providing funding to each of its counties for this historic project.

In honor of this important milestone, we're inviting the creativity of incredible artists and community members to help bring the story of the Mountain State to life with a mural that will be on display for years to come. To support this exciting project, we're thrilled to award your county a \$5,000 grant to help cover the costs of materials and artist fees.

To receive this grant award, please follow the steps below:

- Brainstorm the mural design and complete a sketch.
- Submit the Project Information form to the Department of Tourism for approval.
- Upon approval, begin your project and ensure completion by May 1, 2026.
- Submit your final grant report (available at wvculture.org) by July 30, 2026.

As part of this statewide legacy project, we ask that all murals incorporate West Virginia's America250 official logo. Designs must be completed by May 1, 2026 to be part of West Virginia's America250 celebrations next summer.

All murals will be included in the state's promotion of America's 250 and as a part of the Department of Tourism's statewide celebration of our nation's founding.

This America250 grant is part of our partnership agreement with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Please use the Tourism and NEA logos on social media, websites, and printed materials along with the language "This project is supported with financial assistance from the West Virginia Department of Tourism and the National Endowment for the Arts."

We're honored to have your county play a part in this meaningful celebration and can't wait to see how your community brings its own unique voice to this project. Thank you for helping us showcase the natural beauty and rich history that sets West Virginia apart!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact (304) 558-0220 or TourismGrants@wv.gov.

Sincerely,



Chelsea A. Ruby
Secretary of Tourism



Jenna Green
Director of Arts



AMERICA250 MURAL PROJECT INFORMATION

To be completed by County Commission.

BASIC INFORMATION:

County: _____

Mural Location: _____

Lead Artist: _____

Project Start/End Dates: _____

COUNTY INFORMATION:

Contact Name: _____

Contact Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project Concept:

Below are some concepts to consider for your mural project. Please select one or detail other.

- Local or national historic figures
- Significant places, communities, or landscapes that have impacted history
- Key advancements in technology, industry, and arts
- Significant events in the local community or national historical events
- Looking towards the future - America over the next 250 years
- Other, please explain: _____

Include West Virginia's America 250 Logo:

Files can be downloaded at wvtourism.com/250murals



One-Color



One-Color Reverse



Full-Color For Light Colored Background



Full-Color For Dark Colored Background



almost heaven.

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Summarize the concept for your mural project and provide a concept sketch with this form:

Project Budget:

- Please list project expenses; round to the lowest whole dollar
- Please provide documentation of expenses with this form.
 - Expense documentation can include artists contracts, quotes from vendors, screenshots of online carts, or receipts.
- The America250 mural grant can cover \$5,000 in project costs; no matching funds are required.

Artist Fees	\$
Materials	\$
Equipment Rentals/Purchases	\$
Total Project Costs	\$

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL TO: WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

1900 Kanawha Blvd., East • Building 9 • Charleston, WV 25305
Attn: Jenna Green, Mural Project

Tourismgrants@wv.gov





STATE ARTS OFFICE
 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East | Building 9
 Charleston, West Virginia 25305
 (304) 558-0220 | WVculture.org

To Be Completed by Tourism:
 GRTAWD: _____
 Vendor: _____
 Grant-Invoice No: _____

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Grant Amount: \$ _____ Name: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Contact Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I accept the Fiscal Year 2026 grant award and understand and agree to the term limits outlined on the enclosed **Instruction Sheet** and **State Agency Grant Awards Accountability Requirement (SAGA) Sheet**. I understand that all expenditures from the grant must be in support of programs occurring **between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026** (Fiscal Year 2026) and that all project activities comply with the National Endowment for the Art's [terms and conditions](#).

Signature *Date*

Name *Title* *Phone Number*

State of West Virginia, County of: _____

I, _____, a notary public in and for said state do hereby certify that
 _____, whose name is signed to the writing above, has this day
 acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

My commission expires _____

Notary Public

I certify that payment should be issued in accordance with the FY 2026 Department of Tourism grant awards.

Department of Tourism *Date*



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SAGA - STATE AGENCY GRANT AWARDS

Accountability Requirements for State Funds and Grants for Grantees receiving one or more state grants totaling \$50,000 or more.

Within two years of receiving grant funds, the grantee must submit a report as defined below:

- An agreed-upon procedure engagement or an examination engagement in accordance with Compliance Attestation Standards established by the AICPA's Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements.

The report must be:

- Conducted by an independent CPA
- Shall contain at a minimum:
 - Grant Number
 - Amount of Award
 - Actual amount of funds received
 - Amount of funds expended
 - Time period being reported on
 - Grantee's fiscal year

In lieu of a report, one of the following types of audits may be substituted with the submission of a sworn statement, as defined in Legislative Rules Title 148, Series 18:

- An audit performed by an independent CPA that complies with OMB A-133, if the audit includes a schedule of state grant receipts and expenditures.
- A financial audit of the grantee's financial statement performed by an independent CPA that complies with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. This audit must include a schedule of state grant receipts and expenditures.

