

**Summer 2024: VH-VA250 Grant Recommendations  
(Round 2)**

**Recommended for full funding**

**1) Afro American Historical Association of Fauquier County (AAHA)**

- **Program name:** *"Delivering the untold story of Fauquier's African American population at America's founding"*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Fauquier County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$10,000
- **Number of partners:** 2

**Description:** The Afro American Historical Association of Fauquier County (AAHA) seeks \$10,000 to support the research phase of a 3-part endeavor entitled, "Delivering the Untold Story of Fauquier's African American Population at America's Founding." This project proposes to unveil and deliver the history of Fauquier's African Americans, 1759-1790. Funding will support research that will focus on the years beginning with Fauquier's formation in 1759-1790.

**2) Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities DBA Preservation Virginia**

- **Program name:** *New Exhibition Gallery at Patrick Henry's Scotchtown: Contradictions of Liberty*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Hanover County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$72,500
- **Number of partners:** 2

**Description:** Preservation Virginia seeks \$10,000 to support the installation of a new exhibit at Scotchtown that will explore Patrick Henry's role in the nation's founding. The new exhibition will replace the content currently on display that has been in place for almost a decade. It will highlight the period from 1771 to 1778 when the Henrys lived at Scotchtown and will include new research by the Preservation Virginia team and newly obtained artifacts in their collection. This new interpretive material will be an essential part of the larger restoration plan at Scotchtown in preparation for VA250.

**3) Botetourt County Historical Society, Inc.**

- **Program name:** *Celebrating & Remembering the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Botetourt County*
- **Amount of award:** \$6,500
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$9,100
- **Number of partners:** 0

**Description:** The Botetourt County Historical Society in Fincastle, VA seeks \$6,500 to support the presentation of the Battle of Point Pleasant to the public through a talk by Dr. Sarah McCartney. This event will mark the 250th anniversary of the battle, which was the only major armed conflict of what is known as Dunmore's War (a precursor to the American Revolution). Funds will specifically go towards event promotion and the production of education materials to be displayed at the Botetourt County Museum of History and Culture.

**4) Clarke County Historical Association**

- **Program name:** *Heritage Day*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Clarke County*
- **Amount of award:** \$1,700
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$1,764
- **Number of partners:** 4

**Description:** The Clarke County Historical Association seeks \$1,700 to support Clarke County's 13th Annual Heritage Day. This event, hosted at the historic Burwell-Morgan Mill, brings in over two dozen history organizations and historic craft makers to provide a family-friendly experience as they learn about every day life in Virginia during the Revolutionary War. Activities such as cider pressing, grain grinding, blacksmithing, Colonial cooking, scavenger hunts, and more are held all day for people of all ages to experience. This event is free and open to the public.

**5) Culpeper Minute Men**

- **Program name:** *Pre-Event Community Engagment for the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Visit to Culpeper*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Culpeper County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$17,000
- **Number of partners:** 5

**Description:** The Culpeper Minute Men seek \$10,000 to support a series of classes and workshops for the public with a focus on humanities, arts, and culture that will appeal to a broad audience and tie to the VA250 themes. These events will recall the Town and the citizens of Culpeper as they were during the Revolutionary War period, at the successful conclusion of the war in 1825, as they were when they celebrated the Centennial visit in 1925, and as they are today. Classes and workshops will educate the public on the fashion and dance of the period.

**6) Fairfield Foundation**

- **Program name:** *From Colony to Country: The Revolutionary World of John Page and Lewis Burwell*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – Gloucester County
- **Amount of award:** \$5,350
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$6,400
- **Number of partners:** 4

**Description:** The Fairfield Foundation in White Marsh, VA seeks \$5,350 to support the development of a Revolutionary-period first-person interpretation program in collaboration with Shades of Our Past (<https://www.shadesofourpast.com>). It will be offered three times during 2025 and will be centered on two Virginians—John Page and Lewis Burwell—who played important roles in the shift from royal colony to independent nation. Other interpreters will portray children, wives, and enslaved people and interject comments about the significance of the Revolution to them. A concluding conversation will allow the public to engage with the dialogue of the program.

**7) Fauquier Historical Society**

- **Program name:** *A Lafayette Legacy: Honoring the Anniversary of a Revolutionary Icon's Visit to Warrenton, VA*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – Fauquier County
- **Amount of award:** \$6,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$6,000
- **Number of partners:** 3

**Description:** The Fauquier Historical Society seeks \$6,000 to support the planning, design and development of a new exhibit commemorating Lafayette and his historic visit to Warrenton. The exhibit will showcase various relics associated with Lafayette and will highlight the role Lafayette played in America's independence as well as convey how his legacy can inspire future generations. The museum aims to reach a diverse audience through this exhibit, from students to history enthusiasts who have a particular passion for Revolutionary War history and to the wider public.

**8) Foundation for Historic Christ Church**

- **Program name:** *The First Three: From Washington to Jefferson (Historic Christ Church Summer Speaker Series)*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Northern Neck 250/Lancaster County*
- **Amount of award:** \$2,270
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$2,370
- **Number of partners:** 3

**Description:** The Foundation for Historic Christ Church in Irvington, VA seeks \$2,270 to support part of its 2024 Summer Speaker Series, “The First Three: From Washington to Jefferson.” The series features three nationally acclaimed historians who explore the lives of George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson and the roles they played in the Revolution and the creation of the American republic. Funding would specifically support speaker honoraria, travel and lodging costs, and marketing expenses.

**9) Historical Society of Western Virginia**

- **Program name:** *Fincastle Resolutions & Southwestern Virginia*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Roanoke County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$10,000
- **Number of partners:** 4

**Description:** The Historical Society of Western Virginia seeks \$10,000 to support programming surrounding 18th century life on the frontier and in the Appalachian Mountains, in conjunction with their “Fincastle Resolutions and Native Perspectives” exhibition which celebrates the Western side of the state's involvement in the American Revolution. Several different types of programming (artisan workshops, foodways lectures, living history days, etc) will occur throughout the duration of the exhibition, which opens January 18, 2025, and will run until August of 2025. These programs will foster curiosity on diverse perspectives and ways of life, engage families, and create research opportunities for interpreters.

**10) Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation**

- **Program name:** *Jamestown and the American Revolution*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *James City County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$15,000
- **Number of partners:** 0

**Description:** Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation seeks \$10,000 to support new public programs that will explore Jamestown’s impact on the American Revolution. The proposed project, “Jamestown and the American Revolution,” will directly address the overarching goals identified by the VA 250 Commission: “to educate Virginians about our history and our founding ideals,” and “to engage every community and all regions in events that tell a complete story.” Funds will support the development of new programs that will focus on the crucial connections between the colony’s 17th-century history, the unfolding of the American Revolution in Virginia, and the ongoing debates around democracy and justice in our present moment.

#### **11) National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States**

- **Program name:** *Finding Freedom in a Time of Independence*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Loudoun County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$16,395
- **Number of partners:** 3

**Description:** The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States seeks \$10,000 to support “Finding Freedom in a Time of Independence”—a three-part series taking place in 2024-2025. This program will invite three distinguished speakers and historians to share their work and engage in discussion around topics related to how Native American and African American people navigated their pursuit of freedom during the period around the Revolutionary War. Funding will support honoraria and travel expenses for speakers and videography expenses to record sessions and reach a wider virtual audience.

#### **12) National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States**

- **Program name:** *Inalienable Rights: History through the Eyes of Enslaved Virginians at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Alexandria250*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$18,630
- **Number of partners:** 3

**Description:** The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States seeks \$10,000 to support “Inalienable Rights: History Through the Eyes of Enslaved Virginians,” which will bring Joseph McGill and the Slave Dwelling Project to the Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House for a weekend day of free public programs. Funding will support honoraria for presenters, travel expenses, and related program expenses.

### **13) Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation**

- **Program name:** *Patrick Henry's Red Hill Commemorates the American Revolution*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Charlotte County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$19,535
- **Number of partners:** 5

**Description:** The Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation seeks \$10,000 to support a multifaceted commemorative project in 2025. The project will include: 1) a ceremony to swear in, welcome, and celebrate the United States' newest citizens, 2) a ceremony to commemorate Patrick Henry's birthday, and 3) updates to the Foundation's "Road to Revolution" interpretive signs.

### **14) Portsmouth Historical Association**

- **Program name:** *Lafayette 2024: Return to Portsmouth*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Portsmouth*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$10,000
- **Number of partners:** 5

**Description:** The Portsmouth Historical Association seeks \$10,000 to support an immersive, multi-faceted, month-long celebration of Lafayette and America's revolutionary idea of "Freedom for All." Programming will include a variety of events that will parallel a month of historical events in October 2024. They will focus on the stories of the Marquis de La Fayette and James Fayette (an African American spy who worked with Lafayette). Funding specifically will support the wages of living history interpreters who will present these key historical figures to the public.

### **15) Radford Heritage Foundation (Glencoe Mansion)**

- **Program name:** *Mary Draper Ingles: Steps to Revolution*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Radford*
- **Amount of award:** \$8,350
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$9,350
- **Number of partners:** 4

**Description:** The Radford Heritage Foundation in Radford, VA seeks \$8,350.00 to support a new permanent exhibition "Mary Draper Ingles: Steps to Revolution." This exhibition will share the story of Mary Draper Ingles and of the diverse cultural landscape (specifically with Native Americans, white settlers, and enslaved African Americans) of the "frontier" during the

18th century. Through in-person panel discussions and digital distribution of materials, the RHF hopes to increase the public's interaction with the museum.

**16) Smyth County Historical & Museum Society Inc.**

- **Program name:** *The Road to Revolution: Smyth County and the Fincastle Resolutions of 1775*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Smyth County*
- **Amount of award:** \$5,022.46
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$5,141
- **Number of partners:** 5

**Description:** Smyth County Historical and Museum Society seeks \$5,022.46 to support a year-long, county-wide celebration of the Fincastle Resolutions of 1775. The centerpiece will be a monthly speaker series celebrating the revolutionary figures who hailed from Smyth County, and the revolutionary ideas they added to the story of America. This project will highlight and bring attention to the Smyth County area's role in the American Revolution and the period leading up to it.

**17) The John Marshall Foundation**

- **Program name:** *John Marshall's Revolutionary Life and Legacy in Virginia, a 360-Degree Virtual Tour*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Richmond*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$10,000
- **Number of partners:** 5

**Description:** The John Marshall Foundation seeks \$10,000 to support the creation of a 360-degree, 10-stop virtual tour of John Marshall's life and legacy in Virginia, his journey to and from the American Revolution across the Commonwealth. The tour is designed to be a starting point for educational tourism related to John Marshall, with a secondary goal of driving visitation at 10 Marshall-centric sites across Virginia.

**18) The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia**

- **Program name:** *Cville Puzzle Hunt 2025*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Albemarle County*
- **Amount of award:** \$7,500
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$10,000
- **Number of partners:** 4
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**Description:** The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia request \$7,500 to support Cville Puzzle Hunt 2025, a free citywide puzzle event for teens and adults of all ages, held annually in downtown Charlottesville. A large-scale, participatory cultural experience, the Puzzle Hunt integrates music, humanities, and media arts into a series of complex puzzles integrated into the urban landscape. The 4th annual Puzzle Hunt will be hosted on March 15, 2025 and will celebrate America's Semiquincentennial by featuring images, stories, and/or character reenactments of actual historical figures from the American Revolution on each of the puzzle pieces.

#### **19) Town of Abingdon, VA**

- **Program name:** *Traveling Back to Revolutionary Times (Important location identification and walking app)*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Washington County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$10,000
- **Number of partners:** 2

**Description:** The Town of Abingdon, VA seeks \$10,000 to support a project that combines technology with historical heritage, aiming to bring the Town's rich Revolutionary War heritage to the fingertips of both residents and visitors alike. This initiative seeks the distribution of historical plaques embedded with QR codes to serve as physical gateways to a wealth of historical insights through a dedicated mobile application for IOS and Android devices. With plaques placed across significant locations, Abingdon transforms into a living museum inviting individuals to embark on a journey into the past to learn about the Town's Revolutionary War heritage.

#### **20) Watermen's Museum**

- **Program name:** *The Virginia State Navy Project*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *York County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$19,000
- **Number of partners:** 4

**Description:** The Watermen's Museum seeks \$10,000 to support "The Virginia State Navy Project" which will highlight the development and history of the Virginia State Navy from 1775 - 1781 by developing and presenting interactive exhibit stations, cross curricular educational programs, 250th anniversary themed special events and public lecture programs that highlight the multi-cultural history of life on the water during the colonial period. The exhibits will be developed for display at the Watermen's Museum with components designed to be used as traveling exhibits for use at regional 250th anniversary focused events to include the 250th anniversary of the Yorktown Tea Party in November 2024, and the 250th Anniversary of the Lord Dunmore Virginia Campaign in June 2025.



## Funding Summary

Grant Cycle	Recipients	Award Amount	Matching Funds
Winter 2024 (Round 1) 20 Recipients	Chesapeake, Charlotte County, Wythe, Montgomery, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Pulaski, Giles, Northern Neck Regional Committee, Prince William County, Pulaski County, Loudoun County, Pulaski County, Fairfax County, Harrisonburg, Portsmouth, Richmond, Winchester, King William, Fredericksburg,	\$60,525.00	\$77,122.20
Summer 2024 (Round 2) 20 Recipients	Fauquier County, Hanover County, Botetourt County, Clarke County, Culpeper County, Gloucester County, Fauquier County, Northern Neck 250/Lancaster County, Roanoke County, James City County, Loudoun County, Alexandria, Charlotte County, Portsmouth, Radford, Smyth County, Richmond, Albemarle County, Washington County, York County,	\$162,692.46	\$278,185.00
	<b>CUMULATIVE GRANT FUNDING</b>	<b>\$223,217.46</b>	<b>\$355,307.20</b>
	<b>Remaining fund balance as of (date):</b>		

## Not Recommended for funding

### 21) Louisa County

- **Program name:** *Jack Jouett Bust Depicting Scars from Historic Ride*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Louisa County*
- **Amount of award:** \$10,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$10,000
- **Number of partners:** 2

**Description:** Louisa County seeks \$10,000 to support the creation of an artistic rendition of Revolutionary figure Jack Jouett—“the Paul Revere of the South.” The final installation will include a bronze bust and a historical marker, both of which will be a part of the local Jack Jouett Trail and the larger Road to Revolution Heritage Trail. These pieces will ensure that Jack Jouett's story, an important story in central Virginia, is included in the larger commemoration of the American Revolution.

### 22) Prince William Library Foundation

- **Program name:** *Exploring the Evolution of 18th-Century Traditional Crafts into the 21st-Century Artform*
- **VA250 Local Committee** – *Prince William County*
- **Amount of award:** \$5,000
- **Amount of match from recipient:** \$5,000
- **Number of partners:** 4

**Description:** The Prince William Library Foundation seeks \$5,000 to support programs and activities related to the American Revolution and the theme of "Revolution of Ideas." PWPL will offer hands-on programs and lectures that engage the community in exploring the history of textile crafts, their importance during the American Revolution, and how they evolved from practical activities to modern art forms. This project's target audience is young adults to older adults. PWPL aims to meet the demands of those interested in history, art, and interactive learning and engage those who would otherwise not attend a history program.