

Aberdeen America 250 Neighborhood Block Party Grant Application

Mayor Patrick McGrady's America 250 Neighborhood Block Party Grant Program

Thank you for your interest in hosting an America 250 Neighborhood Block Party in Aberdeen. Mayor Patrick McGrady is offering 10 grants of \$250 each to help neighborhoods celebrate America's 250th Anniversary while building stronger connections among neighbors.

Neighborhood block parties will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2026 (Labor Day Weekend).

Applications will be accepted beginning August 1, 2026, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. August 23, 2026. Grants will be awarded on a first-completed, first-served basis until all ten grants have been awarded.

Approved applicants will receive their grant payment before August 25, 2026. Please complete all sections of this application.

Submit your completed applications by email at pmcgrady@aberddeenmd.gov or in person submissions may be made at Aberdeen City Hall, 60 N. Parke St., Aberdeen, MD 21001, during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Event Information

1. Event Location/Primary Gathering Location (check one):

☐ Private Front Yard

☐ Driveway or Patio

☐ Common Green Space / HOA Lawn

☐ Residential Street or Cul-de-sac (City coordination required)

Other Event Address (or Closest Address): _____

2. Describe your event setup. (Example: "Tables and coolers will be set up in the driveway. Lawn games will be in the front yard.") _____

Event Start Time: _____ Event End Time: _____

3. Neighborhood Participation

Please list the neighboring households you plan to invite (minimum of 8 households).

Additional households (if applicable):

4. Food & Refreshments

What food and supplies will be purchased using the \$250 grant? (Examples: hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian options, buns, chips, paper plates, napkins, condiments, drinks, and ice.)

Will neighbors be bringing side dishes or desserts? How many guests do you expect? _____

5. Lead Grill Master / Cook Information:

Name: _____

Address or House Number: _____

6. Drinks & Ice

How many drinks do you expect to provide? _____

Who will supply beverages, coolers, and ice? _____

• Volunteer #1: _____ House #: _____

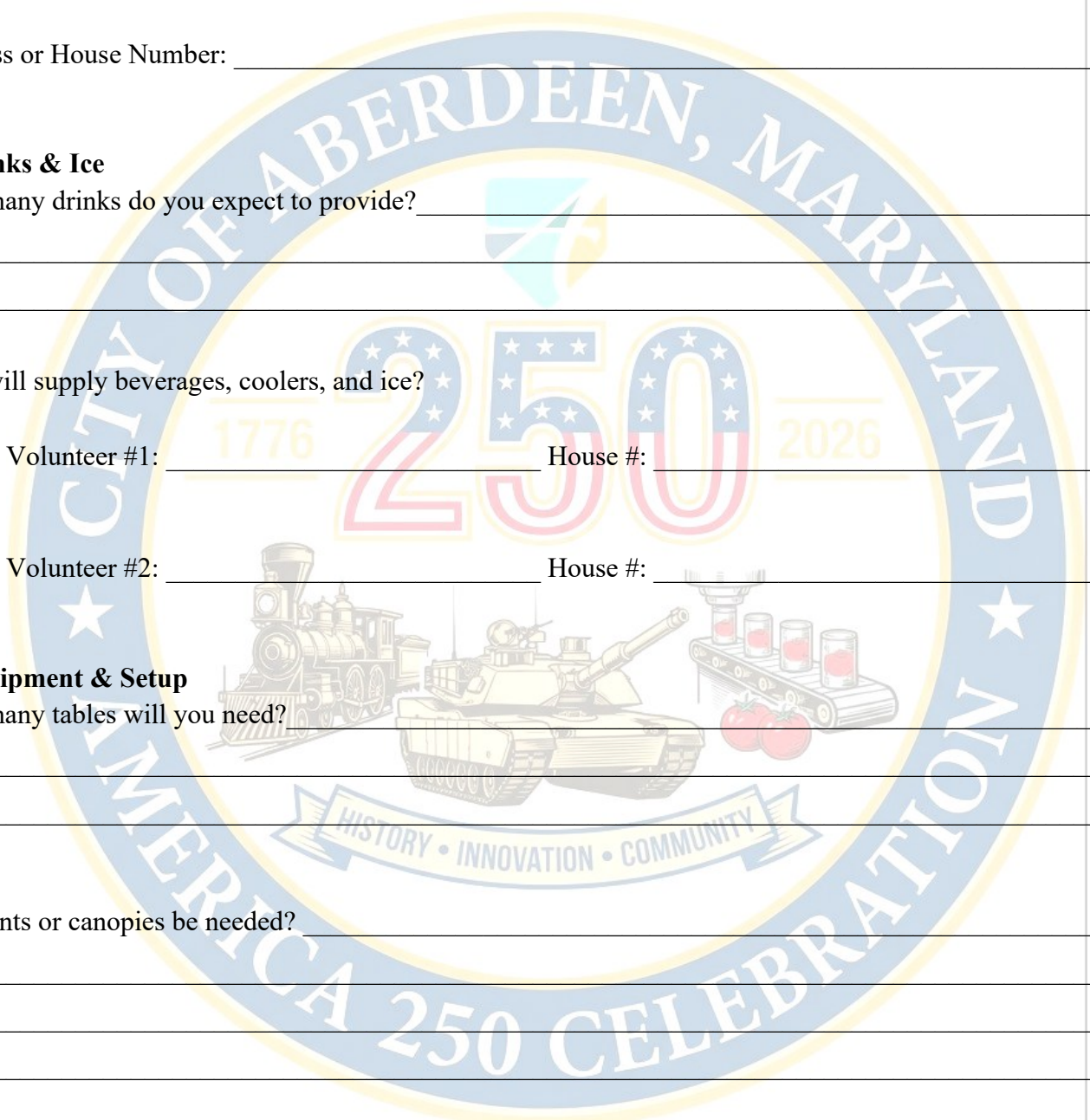
• Volunteer #2: _____ House #: _____

7. Equipment & Setup

How many tables will you need? _____

Will tents or canopies be needed? _____

Who will provide tables, tents, chairs, or other equipment? _____



8. Cleanup Plan

Who will assist with cleanup? _____

Who will provide trash and recycling containers? _____

By completing this application, I agree to ensure that all trash, food waste, decorations, and event materials are cleaned up immediately following the event.

9. Rain Plan

If weather requires a change of plans, what is your backup plan? _____

America 250 Community Commitment

As part of the America 250 celebration, please include at least one of the following activities during your event.

- ☐ Share a piece of Aberdeen history or organize a neighborhood trivia activity.
- ☐ Take an official America 250 neighborhood group photo and collect a favorite neighborhood story for the City's archive.
- ☐ Include a community-building activity such as name tags, a neighborhood memory board, or a potluck featuring favorite family recipes.

Photo Submission

Following your event, email 2–3 photographs, including one group photo to: pmcgrady@aberdeennmd.gov

Photo Submission Deadline: September 20, 2026, photos may be featured in the City's "Faces of Aberdeen: 10 Blocks, 250 Years" digital showcase celebrating Aberdeen's America 250 events.

Grant Funds

The \$250 grant is intended to help offset reasonable expenses associated with your neighborhood block party, including food, non-alcoholic beverages, paper products, decorations, lawn games, and similar event supplies.

Applicants are encouraged to use the funds in a way that best supports a successful neighborhood gathering and strengthens community connections.

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and that, if selected, I will organize the neighborhood block party as described in this application. I understand that grant funds are intended to support the neighborhood event described above.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions about the grant application, contact Mayor Patrick McGrady by phone at 410.357.1234 or email at pmcgrady@aberdeennmd.gov.

