

## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

**DATE:** November 24, 2025

**FROM:** Greg Clark, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Donation (\$14,000) from the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Mayor & Aldermen to consider acceptance of a donation from the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (Government) in the amount of \$14,000 to support operating and marketing expenses related to Sounds Like Collierville: Celebrating 250 Years Through Song, scheduled for April 23–25, 2026.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In September 2025, the Town of Collierville applied for a Tennessee America 250 Grant to support Sounds Like Collierville: Celebrating 250 Years Through Song. This program builds on the success of the 2025 event, Sounds Like Collierville: Americana Showcase, which drew more than 5,700 attendees to Collierville Town Square for music and community.

The event will span three days and feature special performances tied to American history from traditional folk and bluegrass to contemporary Americana songs. In addition to concerts, the event offers 7 free workshops on skills such as guitar, banjo, fiddle, resonator guitar, and songwriting. Sounds Like Collierville is designed to maximize public engagement by being free, open to all ages, and rooted in community participation.

Over three days, the event transforms Collierville's historic Town Square into a gathering place where residents and visitors can celebrate America's 250th anniversary through music and community traditions.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

A budget amendment will be submitted at a later date to transfer these funds into operational line item accounts to assist with Sounds Like Collierville event.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

[Donation - TN 250.pdf](#)

### **PROPOSED MOTION:**

To accept a donation from the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (Government) in the amount of \$14,000 to support Sounds Like Collierville: Celebrating 250 Years Through Song.

Board Action: Motion By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

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