



ASBSU

**Associated Students of Boise State University
Bill FY26 #8**

TITLE: America's 250th Celebration Funding

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: 2/9/2026

INTRODUCED BY: Austin Rose, Government Relations Officer; Malachi Chafin, College of Engineering Senator; Isaac Celedon, ASBSU President; Diego Tapia, AVP of Health and Wellness; Billy Kidd, College of Arts and Sciences Senator; Mason Magee, Senator at Large; Ethan Mariner, ASBSU Vice President; Hunter Sparrow, Assembly Leader

I. Purpose

This bill will fund the event to celebrate America 250 in an event that will be put on by ASBSU in conjunction with the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and the Institute for Advancing American Values. America 250 is a once-in-a-lifetime event that should be celebrated by ASBSU in a goal to achieve record attendance for ASBSU events and help raise awareness of ASBSU's role on campus.

II. Rationale

WHEREAS, America will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 2026; however, the majority of students will not be on campus during that date,

WHEREAS, The Government Relations Officer has a commitment to encourage civil discourse and create civic engagement.

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to celebrate this occasion in the spring semester of this school year

WHEREAS, ASBSU will be working with the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council to strengthen ASBSU's relationship with Greek Life.

WHEREAS, ASBSU will be working with the Institute for Advancing American Values to inform students on the meaning of America 250 at an academic and intellectual level

WHEREAS, ASBSU will be fundraising money throughout the weeks leading up to and including this event to support the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization as a charity.

WHEREAS, ASBSU will highlight student musicians to play live music at this event.

WHEREAS, ASBSU will be inviting notable members from the community and the university to speak to students at this event.

WHEREAS, this is a great way for students to learn about the meaning of America 250 in a setting that is fun and enjoyable to the attendees.

WHEREAS, America 250 is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration in which ASBSU should help commemorate.

WHEREAS, This will be one of ASBSU's largest events to show our pride and appreciation for our country and values as Americans;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that ASBSU will allocate \$6,000 to be used by the Government Relations Officer, ASBSU President, and Chief of Staff to budget for the America 250 event.

III. Account Drawn From

Funds will be withdrawn from Sponsored Projects.

IV. Provisions

- A. \$6,000 will be allocated from the sponsored projects budget to pay for event logistics, food, and promotional materials for this event.
- B. The provisions of this bill will go into effect upon the signature of the ASBSU President.

V. Fiscal Impact

- A. This bill will have a fiscal impact of \$6,000 being drawn from the sponsored projects budget.

TO BE COMMUNICATED TO:

University Interim President, Dr. Jeremiah B. Shinn; Chief Executive Officer at the Boise State University Foundation, Argia Beristain; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Jeremiah B. Shinn; Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Wuthrich; Deputy Director for Government Relations, Nicole Fitzgerald; Senior Director of Student and Recent Graduate Programs, Sydney Montgomery; Professional Staff Association; Association of Classified Employees; President of Faculty Senate, Dr. Erik Hadley; The Arbiter; Albertsons Library Archives; Director for Student Involvement and Leadership Center, Erin Mahn; John Hand, Business Operations Manager of Shared Business Services; Teri Rapp, Technical Record Specialist III of Shared Business Services.

APPROVAL:

By the ASBSU General Assembly on **(2/9/2026)** by a vote of (in favor) ____18____ and (opposed)____3____ and (abstaining) ____0____.

By the ASBSU Academic Senate on **(2/9/2026)** by a vote of (in favor) 13 and
(opposed) 2 and (abstaining) 2.

By the ASBSU President



Isaac Celedon

2/10/2026

Date

By the ASBSU Vice President



Ethan Mariner

2/9/2026

Date