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## **Agenda**

### **New Castle Town Council Work Session**

**Tuesday, January 06, 2026, 6:30 PM**

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7096588400>

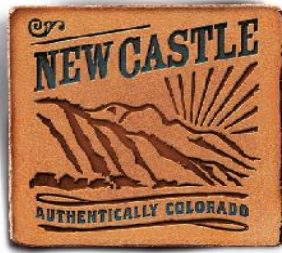
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- a.** Discussion of Outgoing Grants for 2026
- b.** Discussion of Semiquincentennial Celebration 2026



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### Memorandum

**To:** Mayor & Council  
**From:** David Reynolds  
**Re:** Workshop Item: Discussion of 2026 Outgoing Grant Program  
**Date:** 1/1/26

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Council Workshop item is to discuss possible changes to the 2026 Outgoing Grant Program. With the total budget for Outgoing Grants in 2026 having been adjusted to \$10,000, it may be good to look at how the Grant Program is administered in 2026. For the last few years, Outgoing Grants were made available during two separate grant cycles, with typical grant awards ranging from \$500 to \$2500. In 2024, total Outgoing Grant distribution was \$16,000, in 2025 the total was \$15,000.

With a total of \$10,000 available in 2026 staff recommends the following program changes:

- Reduce grant applications to one award period in 2026
- Open the grant application period in May of 2026 with awards in late June of 2026
- Offer (2) grant awards up to \$2500 each
- Offer (3) grant awards up to \$1000 each
- Offer the balance amount available (\$2000) in smaller awards of between \$500 - \$1,000
- Notify past grant applicants of changes to the program early in 2026



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### Memorandum

**To:** Mayor & Council  
**From:** David Reynolds  
**Re:** Workshop Item: Discussion of 2026 Recognition of the United States Semiquincentennial  
**Date:** 1/1/26

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Council Workshop item is to discuss ideas concerning the Town's recognition of the United States 250-year anniversary (\*semiquincentennial) in 2026.

As mentioned in previous Town Council meetings, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States is certainly worth special recognition and celebration by the town. Ways that the Town of New Castle may wish to consider celebrating might include one or more of the following:

- A special Proclamation
- Special recognition during a July 4<sup>th</sup> event
- Themed parade during Burning Mountain Festival
- Semiquincentennial Theme for Burning Mountain Festival
- Patriotic displays or hanging of flags on Main Street
- Special reading of the Declaration of Independence
- 1776 Themed banners or displays

*\*Semiquincentennial is the 250th anniversary of something, derived from "semi" (half) + "quin" (five) + "centennial" (100), meaning half of 500 years; it's prominently used for the upcoming 2026 celebration of the United States' founding and Declaration of Independence ([America250](http://America250)), with events planned throughout 2026.*