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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The City of Frankfort and Frankfort Main Street Advances to Public Voting Phase for up to \$120,000 Grant, A Free, Outdoor Music Series

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FRANKFORT, IN – September 5, 2025 – Frankfort Main Street, in partnership with the City of Frankfort, is now in the running to bring a free outdoor music series to Frankfort starting in 2026.

With funding from the Levitt Foundation—a national social impact funder at the intersection of music, public space, and community building that supports the largest free outdoor concert series in America—Frankfort Main Street hopes to qualify as a finalist to receive a Levitt Music Series Grant. The public is encouraged to support Frankfort's proposal by participating in the public voting process, which will take place online or via text from September 5 to 15, 2025, at levitt.org/vote.

Levitt Music Series Grants are an exciting, multi-year matching grant created by the Levitt Foundation to bring the joy of free outdoor concerts to towns and cities across the country. For the 2026–2028 grant cycle, the Levitt Foundation will award U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofits up to \$120,000 over three years (up to \$40,000 per year), to produce their own Levitt Music Series—7-10 free outdoor concerts annually featuring a diverse lineup of music genres with professional musicians, activating an underused public space, creating a vibrant, inclusive community destination for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Frankfort Main Street submitted the proposal for the City of Frankfort to present the free music series at Prairie Creek Park and other downtown festival locations. Frankfort's proposal is now posted on the Levitt Foundation website, where the public can vote and learn more about the proposals from across the country that have advanced to the voting phase. An individual may submit one vote for up to five proposals of their choosing. There are two easy ways for the public to cast their vote: online at levitt.org/vote or via text to 877-409-5525 with the keyword **FRANKFORT**.

Reflecting the Levitt Foundation's mission that all Levitt projects are community-driven, the public voting phase of the Levitt Music Series Grants selection process is a crucial way to gauge community support.





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The number of online and text votes received for Frankfort Main Street will be one of the key factors used by the Levitt Foundation when determining the grant recipients this November.

Online public voting opened on September 5, at 10:00 a.m. PT and ends on September 15, at 5:00 p.m. PT. The 50 finalists will be selected through the online and text-to-vote public voting phase. The Levitt Foundation will then review the top proposals to select the recipients of the Levitt Music Series Grants, which will be announced on November 18, 2025.

"This grant would be a tremendous asset to our community and a powerful validation of our ongoing efforts to revitalize downtown Frankfort," said Kim Stevens, Executive Director of Frankfort Main Street. "The funds would allow us to significantly enhance our existing concert series at Prairie Creek Park, bringing a wider variety of professional musicians to our stage and creating a truly exceptional cultural experience that is free and accessible to everyone."

Frankfort Main Street and the City of Frankfort invite supporters to share the message with family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors, and rally the community to vote for Frankfort's proposal.

Learn more at levitt.org/vote.

