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Voting Now Open for the 2019 Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards

Online public voting ends November 20, 5pm PST



November 1, 2018—It's that time of year again! Today, online public voting opened at <https://grant.levittamp.org/voter-registration-page/> to help choose the Top 25 Levitt AMP finalists! Over 40 nonprofits serving small to mid-sized towns and cities across America are in the running to win \$25K matching grants to present 10 or more free outdoor concerts in 2019. **Online public voting ends November 20 at 5 pm PST.**

A successful Levitt AMP campaign depends on community participation to get as many online votes as possible to become a Top 25 finalist. Community support, as measured by the number of online votes received, will be one of the key factors when the Levitt Foundation selects the 2019 Levitt AMP winners. To rally their communities, Levitt AMP

applicants are encouraged to spread the word via social media, local press outlets, community networks and more to garner support for their proposals.

Following the close of online public voting, the Levitt Foundation will review the Top 25 finalists and will select up to 15 Levitt AMP winners, to be announced December 18, 2018.

The acronym "AMP" speaks to the goals of the grant awards, which are threefold:

- **Amplify** community pride and the city's unique character
- Enrich lives through the power of free, live **Music**
- Illustrate the importance of vibrant public **Places**

Since 2015, more than 25 communities across the country have received Levitt AMP grants.

Levitt AMP multi-year winners announced

We're thrilled to announce that previous Levitt AMP winners **Middlesboro, KY** (Middlesboro Main Street), **Sheboygan, WI** (John Michael Kohler Arts Center) and **Trenton, NJ** (Trenton Downtown Association) have each been awarded \$75K in multi-year funding to present the Levitt AMP Music Series in their towns for the next three years (which is why you won't see them listed on the

voting roster this month)! “During the past four years, each nonprofit has shown tremendous impact in their communities through Levitt AMP, bringing people together of all ages and backgrounds through the power of free live music, while creating a meaningful community gathering space,” says Sharon Yazowski, executive director of the Levitt Foundation. “We’re proud to continue our support of these inspiring communities.”

About the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation

The Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation is a private foundation that exists to strengthen the social fabric of America. Through its support of creative placemaking, the Levitt Foundation empowers communities to transform underused public spaces into welcoming destinations where the power of free, live music brings people together and invigorates community life. The Foundation’s primary funding areas include permanent Levitt venues and the Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards, an annual grants competition. During the past decade, the Foundation has awarded more than \$20 million in grants to support access to free, high-caliber live music experiences while bringing new life to public spaces.

The Levitt network of permanent outdoor music venues, Levitt AMP concert sites, the Levitt National Tour and select outreach concerts collectively serve more than 750,000 people annually through nearly 500 free, family-friendly concerts in 26 towns and cities. As an example of the high-caliber talent presented across the Levitt network, the 2018 GRAMMY nominees included 15 artists who have performed on Levitt stages in recent years.

Up to 15 small to mid-sized towns and cities are awarded \$25K Levitt AMP matching grants every year to present 10 free concerts in reimagined public spaces during summer or fall. Levitt AMP grantees range from nonprofit arts organizations to downtown business partnerships to universities to community development organizations and more. To date, more than 25 communities have received Levitt AMP grants since 2015.

Permanent Levitt venues are located in cities as diverse as Los Angeles; Denver; Westport, Conn.; Dayton, Ohio; Bethlehem, Pa.; Memphis; and Arlington, Texas. Each permanent Levitt venue presents 50 free concerts every year and is programmed, managed and supported by its own 501(c)(3) Friends of Levitt nonprofit organization, with Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles run by the Foundation. Due to accelerating interest from cities and engaged citizens, the permanent Levitt venue program is growing. Developing Levitt locations across the country include Sioux Falls (opening 2019) and Houston (opening 2021), amongst other cities.

Learn more at <http://levitt.org>