



# LEVITT NOW & OUR COLLECTIVE FUTURE

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Joy Dynamic  
Inclusivity  
Connectedness  
Catalytic



# Joy





# Connectedness



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# Inclusivity





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# Catalytic









A vibrant street festival scene with a large crowd of people. In the foreground, a man is playing a large drum. The background is filled with colorful paper lanterns in shades of blue, red, yellow, and green, hanging from strings. The scene is set on a city street with brick buildings. Three large, semi-transparent circles are overlaid on the image, each containing a word: 'Equitable' (green), 'Healthy' (blue), and 'Thriving' (teal).

**Equitable**

**Healthy**

**Thriving**

## SETTING THE STAGE FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE: REFLECTING ON CREATIVE PLACEMAKING OUTCOMES



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**Social  
Friction**

**Social  
Bonding**

**Social  
Bridging**

# SOCIAL CAPITAL

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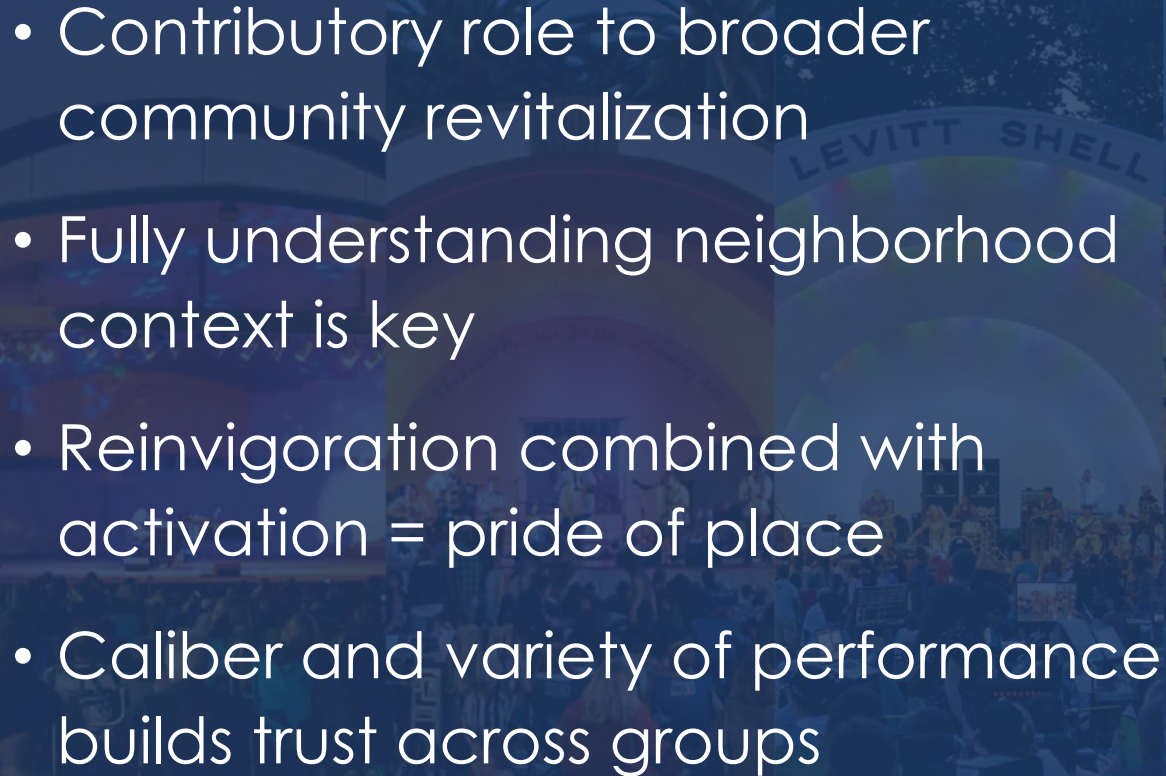
Social Cohesion

Public Safety

Health Outcomes

Economic Stability



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- Contributory role to broader community revitalization
  - Fully understanding neighborhood context is key
  - Reinvigoration combined with activation = pride of place
  - Caliber and variety of performance builds trust across groups

# LISTENING TO THE MUSIC OF COMMUNITY CHANGE

Findings from a pre/post research study  
at Levitt Pavilion Denver



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- Acknowledgement of past & present of a space fosters a **sense of belonging** and social connectivity that extend into the surrounding community
  - Partnerships that build toward same goals & reinforce shared priorities can advance a **chain of change**
  - Collaboration & shared resources can lay the groundwork for **ecosystem-level progress**





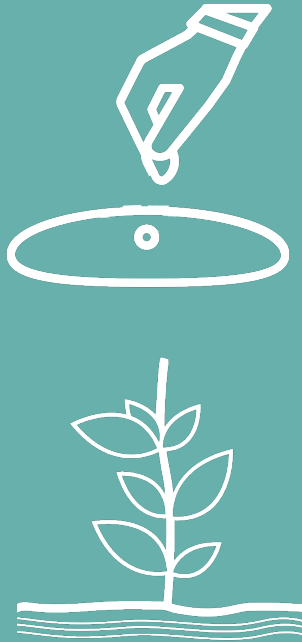


# What is a spend-down foundation?

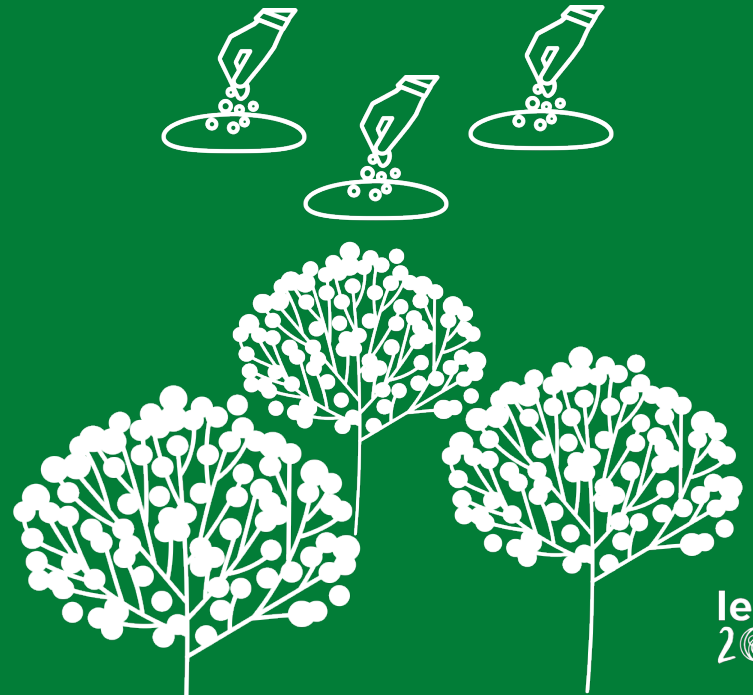
A foundation that operates with the intention to spend all of their assets within a specific, limited timeframe and then close its doors.

Only **15%** of all foundations

Compound money  
to exponentially  
increase wealth



Compound wealth  
to exponentially  
increase impact

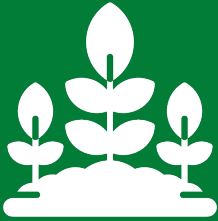




**\$20M+**  
over past 20 years



**\$150M+**  
over next 20 years

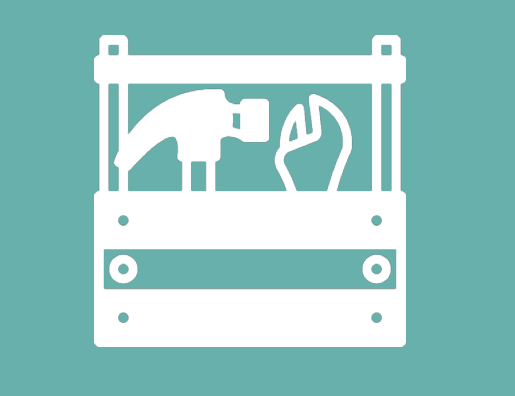


# RESOURCES

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## Music Policy Resilience Lab



Gallup, NM

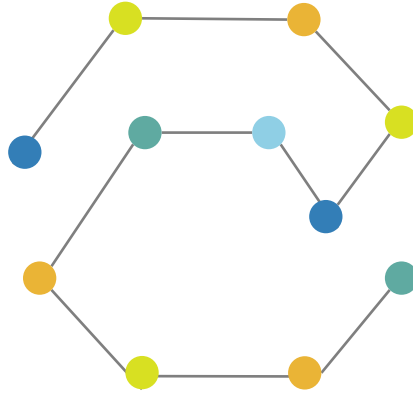


St. Johnsbury, VT



Whitesburg, KY





# LEVITT FOUNDATION SPEND-DOWN TIMELINE

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<b>2022 – 2023</b>	Announcement & Strategic Planning
<b>2023 – 2026</b>	Ramp-Up Phase
<b>2027 – 2036</b>	Significant Grantmaking
<b>2037 – 2040</b>	Wind-Down Phase
<b>2041</b>	Sunset & Departing Gifts

# BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

## FUNDING PRIORITIES

Intersection of music and public space

Ongoing commitment to Levitt network

Positioning for sustainability beyond sunset

New grant opportunities for towns & cities of all sizes

BIPOC-led, historically excluded or underrepresented



# BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

## FUNDING PRIORITIES

Chain of change

Ecosystem-level progress

Musician-friendly

Research

Field building

Advocacy

# ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY ELEMENTS

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Grocery/Food Access

Parks/Green Spaces

Public Safety

Public Spaces

Libraries

Schools

Businesses/Retail

Cultural Assets

Hospital/Health Clinics

Civic Infrastructure



Free  
Concerts





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