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## **Allegany Arts Council Advances to Public Voting Phase for Opportunity to Receive \$90K Multi-Year Grant for Free, Live Music Series in Cumberland**

CUMBERLAND, MD—The Allegany Arts Council is now in the running to bring a free outdoor music series to Cumberland starting in 2023.

Supported by the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation, a social impact funder at the intersection of music and public spaces, the Allegany Arts Council hopes to qualify as one of the Top 20 finalists in the public voting phase of the Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards. The public is urged to support the Allegany Arts Council's proposal by participating in the public voting process, via online or text, taking place from September 12–21, 2022, at [levitt.org/vote](https://levitt.org/vote).

The Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards are an exciting, multi-year matching grant opportunity created by the Levitt Foundation to serve small to mid-sized towns and cities with populations up to 250,000. Nonprofits will receive a total matching grant of \$90,000 over three years (2023, 2024, and 2025 at \$30,000/year) to produce their own Levitt AMP Music Series—an outdoor, free concert series featuring a diverse lineup of professional musicians that reimagines an underused public space to create an inclusive destination for people of all ages and backgrounds.

The Allegany Arts Council submitted the proposal for Cumberland to present the free music series at the Festival Grounds at Canal Place. Cumberland's proposal will be posted on the Levitt Foundation website, starting on September 8, where the public can vote and learn more about the 36 communities from across the country that have advanced to the voting phase. An individual may vote for up to five proposals but may vote for the same proposal only once. There are two easy ways for the public to cast their vote: online at [levitt.org/vote](https://levitt.org/vote) or via text to 866-AMP-2023 (866-267-2023) with the keyword MOUNTAIN.

Reflecting the Levitt Foundation's mission that all Levitt projects are community-driven, the voting phase of the Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards is an important way to measure community support. The number of online and text votes received for the Allegany Arts Council will be one of the key factors when the Levitt Foundation selects the grant recipients this November.

Public voting opens September 12, at 1:00PM EST and ends September 21, at 8:00PM EST. The Top 20 finalists will be selected through the online and text-to-vote public voting phase. The Levitt Foundation will then review the top proposals and will select up to 10 Levitt AMP grant recipients, which will be announced on November 15, 2022.

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