



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

STATE SENATE

March 6, 2026

The Honorable James Comer
2420 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Riverbank Stabilization “Community Project Funding” Request

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Please give the highest consideration to the City of Frankfort’s request for Community Project Funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gex Williams".

Gex Williams
Kentucky State Senator, District 20

Erika Hancock
FRANKLIN COUNTY
HOUSE DISTRICT 57



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I respectfully urge your favorable consideration to the City of Frankfort's request for community project funding. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information regarding my support for this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erika Hancock".

Erika Hancock
State Representative
District 57

EH/gm

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Eric Gibson
Director

March 4, 2026

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
300 South 3rd Street
Paducah, KY 42003

Dear Representative Comer:

The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM) is pleased to learn that the City of Frankfort is pursuing funds through opportunities provided by the Department of Homeland Security Federal Community Project funding grant to complete bank stabilization efforts. Founded on the banks of one of the many S-curves along the Kentucky River, Frankfort's location and low-lying floodplains make the city susceptible to flooding.

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The KYEM staff and I look forward to working with the City of Frankfort in the future to administer this grant, if awarded. If you have any questions, please contact the State Hazard Mitigation Officer Geni Jo Brawner at (502) 607-5797.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Robey".

Stephanie Robey
Assistant Director

Cc: Geni Jo Brawner



CAPITAL OF KENTUCKY

Layne Wilkerson, Mayor

Katima Smith-Willis, Commissioner

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March 3, 2026

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Layne Wilkerson
Mayor



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Downtown Frankfort, Inc. strongly supports this project because the stability and safety of our riverbanks are directly tied to the economic vitality of our historic downtown district. Our organization hosts numerous community events along the riverfront each year and works to drive foot traffic to small businesses that rely on a safe, accessible, and resilient waterfront. Flooding and erosion not only threaten critical infrastructure, but also disrupt commerce, tourism, and quality of life for residents and visitors alike. Investing in proactive mitigation now will protect local businesses, preserve property values, and ensure that downtown Frankfort remains a vibrant economic engine for the region for generations to come.

Please give the highest consideration to the City of Frankfort’s request for Community Project Funding.

Sincerely,
Suzy Hosley
Executive Director
Downtown Frankfort, Inc.



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Randy Newcomb

Executive Director

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