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Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative Announces \$3.15 Million to Support Programs for Youth

BALTIMORE (April 9, 2018) – The Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative has announced \$3.15 million in grants to support 81 high-quality summer programs that serve low-income Baltimore City youth. The initiative comprises public and private institutions, both local and national in scope.

The Summer Funding Collaborative includes the Abell Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Clayton Baker Trust, France-Merrick Foundation, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, The Hinkey-Benson Family Fund, Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, the Mayor's Office of Human Services, and Under Armour as funding partners.

Despite individual missions and priorities that include literacy; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math); youth employment; environmental education; sports; and the arts, all 12 members of the Collaborative share the same goal: to reduce summer learning loss and ensure more youth have the chance to reach their full potential during the summer and beyond.

"There is nothing more essential to the health and vibrancy of our city than the meaningful engagement of our young people, and particularly in the summer months," said Baltimore City Mayor Catherine Pugh. "I'm so grateful to our private and corporate partners for sustaining the Summer Funding Collaborative to ensure that the youth of our community have access to positive skill-building activities, academic enhancements, and healthy meals throughout the summer. The Collaborative's more than 80 summer programs will add tremendous impact to what we're also doing through the City's YouthWorks initiative and the extensive summer camp experiences of the Recreation and Parks department. My sincere thanks to the generous supporters of the Summer Funding Collaborative who are helping to make the summer months everything our young citizens need and deserve—quality opportunities to learn, engage, and play."

The Weinberg Foundation has committed \$1.2 million in grants to support the following organizations:

- Access Art
- Afya Baltimore
- Archbishop Borders School
- Art with a Heart*
- Associated Catholic Charities
- Baltimore Curriculum Project
- Baltimore Urban Leadership Foundation (The Door)
- The Baltimore Youth Alliance
- Baltimore Youth Arts
- Beat the Streets – Baltimore
- Bon Secours Baltimore Health System Foundation
- City Neighbors Foundation
- Civic Works
- Dent Education
- Dew More Baltimore
- Digital Harbor Foundation
- Full Gospel Fellowship Church of Deliverance

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- Green Street Academy
- Harlem Lacrosse
- Humanim
- Koinonia Baptist Church
- Liberty Elementary School
- Living Classrooms*
- Macedonia Life Community Development Corporation
- Maryland New Directions
- MdBio Foundation
- Next One Up Foundation
- Patterson Park Public Charter School
- Paul's Place
- P.O.P. (Play on Purpose)
- Reconstruct & Rebuild
- Soccer Without Borders
- Southeast Community Development Corporation
- SquashWise
- St. Francis Neighborhood Center
- St. Veronica Roman Catholic Church
- St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore
- Village Learning Place
- Wide Angle Youth Media
- YMCA of Central Maryland

While each funder made its own internal funding decisions, funders shared the same application process and review strategy. The shared application has made it easier for organizations to apply for funding from multiple organizations while also facilitating more efficient and impactful funding decisions. Similarly, by using an objective scoring tool and common evaluation, the funders have a uniform framework to assess program quality and alignment with funding priorities.

The administrative work of the Summer Funding Collaborative is supported by Baltimore's Promise, Family League of Baltimore, and the Mayor's Office of Human Services. Baltimore's Promise is responsible for project management of the effort and administering the Request for Proposal. Family League of Baltimore supports data collection and analysis across all programs funded by the Collaborative. The Mayor's Office of Human Services facilitated the community review process.

This is the fourth year of summer youth funding provided by the Collaborative. Last summer, the Collaborative supplied over \$3.1 million in funding to 91 organizations throughout Baltimore City and served more than 8,000 students.

*These organizations have two programs that will be funded.

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About Baltimore's Promise

Baltimore's Promise is a cradle-to-career collective impact non-profit that is serving as the administrative backbone of the Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative. The Mayor's Office of Human Services and Family League of Baltimore are also administrative partners in the Collaborative. The mission of Baltimore's Promise is to coordinate strategy, identify quality programs, support alignment activities, establish shared measures for meaningful results, build public will, and advance policy on behalf of Baltimore City's youth. For more information, please visit www.baltimorespromise.org.