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Local and National Funders Join Forces to Provide \$3.3 Million Boost to Summer Programs for Baltimore Youth

BALTIMORE (January 9, 2018) – Now in its fourth year, the Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative has announced that 11 charitable organizations, including some of Baltimore's largest philanthropic institutions, have joined together to support high-quality summer programs for the City's children and youth in low-income families.

The collaborative—which 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, Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, the Mayor's Office of Human Services and Under Armour—will provide more than \$3.3 million in support.

Last year, 91 Baltimore programs operated with funding from the collaborative, and more than 14,500 young people were served. The group hopes to increase these numbers and expand opportunities for young people across the city. To be considered, programs must promote academic, social and emotional growth in children and youth and be inclusive of students of all abilities.

Many youth and young adults in Baltimore lack access to activities—academic, recreational, enrichment or work experience to keep their minds engaged over the summer. As a result, they experience “summer slide,” losing one to three months of knowledge and skills gained during the previous school year.

Despite their individual missions and priorities—which include literacy, health and wellness, science, technology, engineering and math, youth employment, college and career readiness, sports and the arts—all 11 members of the collaborative share the same goal: To ensure more youth have the chance to reach their full potential during the summer and beyond.

Baltimore's Promise, a cradle-to-career collective impact non-profit, will host the Summer Funding Collaborative's online common application. Baltimore's Promise will also hold three pre-proposal conferences, providing potential applicants with an opportunity to raise questions and hear directly from collaborative members.

Tuesday, Jan. 16
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Enoch Pratt, Pennsylvania Avenue Branch
1531 W North Ave.

Thursday, Jan. 18
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Enoch Pratt, Southeast Anchor Library
3601 Eastern Ave.

Friday, Jan. 19
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Family League of Baltimore
2305 N. Charles St.

To be eligible for funds, applicants must primarily serve children and youth from low-income families who live in Baltimore City and, if operating for four or more hours per day, must have a plan to serve healthy meals to program participants. The Collaborative will prioritize summer programs that have been in existence for at least two years, work to promote academic and social-emotional growth in children and youth, and are inclusive of students of all abilities.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, February 2, 2018. To learn more about each funder's eligibility criteria, and to access the application, visit www.baltimorespromise.org/fundingopportunities/sfcrfp.