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Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative Announces \$3.4 Million for Children & Youth Programs

BALTIMORE – The Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative (the Collaborative) has awarded \$3.4 million in grants to support 88 high-quality summer programs for children and youth living in low-income families throughout Baltimore City. The Collaborative is a partnership between public, private and nonprofit institutions that aims to create summer program options for families, including academic support to reduce summer learning loss, youth work opportunities and a variety of enrichment activities.

Collaborative members – some of Baltimore’s largest public, private and nonprofit institutions – include the Abell Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Clayton Baker Trust, Constellation, Family League of Baltimore, France-Merrick Foundation, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, The Hinkey-Benson Family Fund, Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, Under Armour and United Way of Central Maryland as funding partners..

“We know that by providing children with meaningful summer experiences we are helping them to remain engaged as students, so they return to school ready to learn in the fall,” said Rachel Duden, Program Officer, Education, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. “When we started the Collaborative as a group of three funders in 2015, we set a goal to serve more youth in Baltimore City—with greater impact—by making coordinated decisions. We are thrilled that the Collaborative is growing, and 14 partners now share that vision.”

While members of the Collaborative bring their own priorities to the table – including literacy, STEM, youth employment, environmental education, sports and arts – they work together to make complementary funding decisions with the goal of supporting a diverse set of high-quality summer programs to reduce summer learning loss and ensure more youth have the chance to reach their full potential.

“We believe access to summer enrichment opportunities plays a critical role in preparing students for future careers,” said Carrie Stockwell, Senior Manager of Corporate Relations at Constellation. “As a member of Baltimore’s business community, we joined the Collaborative in 2019 to enhance the education investments we are making across the city. It is exciting to be part of a larger collaborative strategy to provide Baltimore City’s youth with greater access to high-quality summer programs.”

The following organizations will receive funding from the Summer Funding Collaborative:

- 10:12 Sports Inc.
- A Revolutionary Summer
- Access Art, Inc.
- Adelante Latina!
- Afrikan Youth Alchemy
- Art with a Heart
- Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.
- Baltimore City Community College Foundation
- Baltimore City White Knight Track Club
- Baltimore Curriculum Project
- Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School
- Baltimore SquashWise, Inc.
- Baltimore STEAM Inc.
- Baltimore Urban Leadership Foundation
- Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation
- Beat the Streets Baltimore
- Believe in Music
- BELL Foundation, Inc.
- Bon Secours Community Works
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore
- Bridges Baltimore
- BYKE Collective, Inc.
- Challenge 2 Change
- City Neighbors Foundation
- City Weeds
- Civic Works
- Code in the Schools
- Community Law in Action
- Curtis Bay Judy Center
- Dent Education
- Digital Harbor Foundation
- Elev8 Baltimore, Inc.
- Enoch Pratt Free Library
- From Prison Cells to PhD, Inc.
- Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc.
- Greater Baltimore Urban League
- Hampden Family Center
- Harlem Lacrosse-Baltimore
- Intersection of Change, Inc.
- Johns Hopkins University
- KEYS Empowers, Inc.
- Lakeland Judy Center
- Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center, Inc.
- Liberty Elementary School
- Living Classrooms Foundation
- Macedonia Life Community Development Corporation
- Maryland Youth and the Law, Inc.
- Medical Education Resources Initiative for Teens
- Middle Grades Partnership
- Mindful Mentors Inc.
- MOMCares
- National Aquarium, Inc.
- National Inventors Hall of Fame
- New Lens
- NEWfit
- Next One Up
- Open Works
- Parks & People Foundation
- Patterson Park Public Charter School, Inc.
- POP Inc.
- Project Pneuma
- Safe Alternative Foundation for Education, Inc.
- Sisters Circle
- Soccer Without Borders
- Springboard Collaborative
- St. Francis Neighborhood Center Corporation
- St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore
- The Arc Baltimore
- The Baltimore Youth Alliance, Inc.
- The Downtown Sailing Center
- The Institute for Integrative Health
- The Intersection, Inc.
- Unified Efforts, Inc.
- Village Learning Place
- Wide Angle Youth Media
- Women in Transition, Inc.
- Y in Central Maryland
- You Make A Difference STEMMA Corporation
- Young Audiences of Maryland
- Youth As Resources

Baltimore's Promise and Family League of Baltimore support the administrative work of the Collaborative.

This is the fifth year of summer youth funding provided by the Collaborative. Last summer, the Collaborative provided over \$3.1 million in funding to 84 organizations throughout Baltimore City and served more than 7,500 students.

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About Baltimore's Promise

Baltimore's Promise is a cradle-to-career collective impact nonprofit that is serving as the administrative backbone of the Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative (www.bmoresfc.org). The Family League of Baltimore is also an administrative partner of 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.