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Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative Announces $3.5 Million for Children & Youth Programs

Baltimore – The Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative (the Collaborative) has awarded $3.5 million in grants to support 74 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, 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 hope to positively affect the individual young people participating in the programs, help organizations strengthen their programs, and help Baltimore create a stronger and equitable system of summer programs to help increase academic and life skills, improve career readiness and positively affect youth development,” said Amy Gross, Executive Director of the France-Merrick Foundation and collaborative partner since 2015. “The Summer Funding Collaborative gives the France-Merrick Foundation an avenue to support its educational goals around literacy, social-emotional development and career readiness in new ways and we appreciate learning about so many great programs through this collaborative approach.”

Responding to grantee feedback, this year the Collaborative moved its decision-making process up by two months so programs would be notified earlier in the year and be better positioned to launch in the summer. 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.

“Utilizing the innovative spirit and passion of the collaborative to create change through education, activity and mentorship provides an opportunity to share a sense of belonging and responsibility, while supporting our children and youths’ passions and desires to be better, said Stacey Ullrich, Head of Global Social Responsibility at Under Armour.
The following organizations will receive funding from the Summer Funding Collaborative:

Access Art, Inc.
Adelante Latina!
Art with A Heart
Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.
Baltimore Curriculum Project
Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School Baltimore
SquashWise
Baltimore Youth Arts
Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation BellXcel
Beyond The Natural Foundation, Inc.
Bon Secours of Maryland Foundation, Inc. Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore
BYKE Collective
Camp Puh’tok for Girls and Boys, Inc.
CASA
Children's Peace Center
Civic Works
Code in the Schools
Community Law in Action
Dent Education
Digital Harbor Foundation
Elev8 Baltimore
Enoch Pratt Free Library
Green Street Academy
Harlem Lacrosse - Baltimore
Holistic Life Foundation
Inheritance, Inc.
Intersection of Change, Inc.
Johns Hopkins Centro SOL
KEYS Empowers, Inc.
Koinonia Baptist Church
Liberty Elementary School
Little Flowers Early Childhood and Development Center
Living Classrooms Foundation
Macedonia Life Community Development
Corporation
Medical Education Resources Initiative for Teens (MERIT)
Middle Grades Partnership
Mindful Mentors Inc.
Mount St. Mary's University
Muse 360 Arts
National Aquarium, Inc.
Next One Up
P.O.P. (Play on Purpose) Inc.
Parks & People Foundation
Patterson Park Public Charter School, Inc. PeacePlayers
Port Discovery Children's Museum
Project Pneuma
Rosemont Community Interfaith Coalition, Inc Sisters Circle
Sisters Saving the City Inc.
Soccer Without Borders
Springboard Collaborative
St. Francis Neighborhood Center
St. Veronica Roman Catholic Congregation, Inc. St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore
Strong City Baltimore
The Baltimore Youth Alliance, Inc.
The Curtis Bay Judy Center
The Downtown Sailing Center
The Urban Alliance Foundation, Inc.
The Webb Group, Inc. Educational Learning Center
Unified Efforts Inc.
University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc.
Village Learning Place
Wide Angle Youth Media
Women in Transition
Y in Central Maryland
Young Audiences of Maryland/Arts for Learning

This is the sixth year of summer youth funding provided by the Collaborative. Last summer, the Collaborative provided over $3.4 million in funding throughout Baltimore City and served more than 9, 671 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.bmoresetc.org). 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.