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

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.bmoresfc.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.baltimorepromise.org.