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## **Under Armour, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Join Local Funders to Support Summer Programs for Baltimore Youth** *Expanded partnership seeks proposals for over \$2 million in grants*

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BALTIMORE (January 23, 2017) — Now in its third year, the Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative has welcomed two new grantmakers to the table — Under Armour and CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) are joining nine of the city's largest charitable and nonprofit organizations to support high-quality summer learning programs for the City's low-income children and youth.

The Collaborative — which also includes the Abell Foundation, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Clayton Baker Trust, Family League of Baltimore, France-Merrick Foundation, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, and The Morton K. and Jane Blaustein Foundation — will provide over \$2 million in support.

Last year, 94 Baltimore programs received grants and over 12,000 young people were served. The group hopes to increase those numbers and expand opportunities for young people across all regions of 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.

Low-income youth and young adults in Baltimore often lack access to activities — academic, recreational, enrichment or work experience — that 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 range from literacy; health and wellness; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); youth employment; college and career readiness; environmental education; sports and the arts — all 11 members of the Collaborative share the same goal: To reduce this summer learning loss and ensure more youth have the chance to reach their full potential during the summer and beyond.

The funders will use one common [application](#) during the selection process. Three community forums will be held, providing potential applicants with an opportunity to raise questions and hear directly from Collaborative members.

- **Friday, Jan. 27**  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Parks & People Foundation, Stone House Building  
2100 Liberty Heights Avenue

- **Tuesday, Jan. 31**  
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Family League of Baltimore  
2305 N. Charles Street, Suite 200
- **Thursday, Feb. 2**  
1 to 3 p.m.  
Enoch Pratt Library, Orleans Street Branch  
1303 Orleans Street

Applicants should meet the following general eligibility requirements:

- provide a Certificate of Good Standing with the state of Maryland;
- be an organization or summer program that has operated for at least two years;
- provide proof of 501(c)(3) or 509(a) tax status;
- primarily serve children and youth from low-income families who live in Baltimore City; and
- have a plan to serve healthy meals if operating more than four hours per day.

The deadline for applications is **5 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2017**. To learn more about each organization's eligibility criteria, and to access the application, visit [www.aecf.org/summergrants](http://www.aecf.org/summergrants).

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