



The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

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## Weinberg Foundation Announces \$1 Million in Grants as Part of \$3 Million Summer Funding Collaborative

**Addition of two corporate partners marks largest number of funding partners to date**

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BALTIMORE (April 18, 2017) – The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the United States, today announced \$1,000,000 in grants to support 41 summer programs as part of the \$3 million Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative. The initiative was created to fund high-quality summer programs that serve low-income Baltimore City youth.

The Summer Funding Collaborative—in addition to the Weinberg Foundation—includes the Abell Foundation, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, the City of Baltimore, Clayton Baker Trust, Family League of Baltimore, France-Merrick Foundation, Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, The Morton K. and Jane Blaustein Foundation, and Under Armour.

Despite individual missions and priorities that include literacy; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); youth employment; environmental education; sports; and the arts, all 12 members of the Collaborative share the same goal: to reduce summer learning loss and ensure more youth have the chance to reach their full potential during the summer and beyond.

“Research shows us that youth in low-income families, unlike their peers from higher-income families, often lack access to activities that keep their minds engaged over the summer,” said Donn Weinberg, Weinberg Foundation Trustee and Executive Vice President. “This funding is a tangible investment in improved academic and life outcomes for thousands of young people in Baltimore City.”

The following organizations will be funded specifically by the Weinberg Foundation:

- Access Art
- Afya Baltimore
- Art with a Heart
- Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School
- The Baltimore Youth Alliance
- The Be. Org
- Beat the Streets – Baltimore
- Bon Secours Community Works
- The City Neighbors Foundation
- Civic Works
- Code in the Schools
- Community Law in Action
- Family League of Baltimore
- Fund for Educational Excellence
- Green Street Academy
- Hampden Family Center
- Harlem Lacrosse – Baltimore
- Higher Achievement
- Humanim
- Koinonia Baptist Church
- Liberty Elementary School
- Living Classrooms Foundation
- Maryland Out of School Time Network
- MdBio Foundation
- Next One Up Foundation
- Parks & People Foundation
- Patterson Park Public Charter School
- Play On Purpose (P.O.P.)
- Playworks
- Reconstruct & Rebuild
- Saint Ignatius Loyola Academy
- Smart Steps Youth Services
- Soccer Without Borders – Baltimore
- Southeast Community Development Corporation
- St. Francis Neighborhood Center
- St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore
- Summer Head Start Collaborative
- Village Learning Place
- Wide Angle Youth Media
- The YMCA of Central Maryland
- Young Audiences of Maryland

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While each funder made its own internal funding decisions, all 12 funders shared the same application process and review strategy. The shared application has made it easier for organizations to apply for funding from multiple organizations while also facilitating more efficient and impactful funding decisions. Similarly, by using an objective scoring tool and common evaluation, the funders have a uniform framework to assess program quality and alignment with funding priorities.

This is the fourth year of summer youth-funding provided by the Weinberg Foundation, the third year as part of the Collaborative. Last summer, the Weinberg Foundation approved \$770,000 in funding to 29 organizations. In 2016, the Summer Funding Collaborative, as a whole, served approximately 12,000 students. Several of the programs, which the Foundation supported in previous years as part of the Summer Funding Collaborative, are now supported through the Foundation's regular grantmaking process.

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**About The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation**

*The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the United States, provides approximately \$100 million in annual grants to nonprofits that provide direct services to low-income and vulnerable individuals and families, primarily in the US and Israel. Grants are focused on meeting basic needs and enhancing an individual's ability to meet those needs with emphasis on older adults, the Jewish community, and our priority communities of Maryland, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Chicago, and Hawaii. The trustees, some of whom also serve as executive officers of the Foundation, are Alvin Aways, Donn Weinberg, Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Fay Hartog-Levin, and Chair Barry I. Schloss. Rachel Garbow Monroe serves as the Weinberg Foundation's President and Chief Executive Officer. For more information, please visit [www.hjweinbergfoundation.org](http://www.hjweinbergfoundation.org).*