



The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.

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WEINBERG FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE IN BALTIMORE CITY

Nonprofits urged to apply with proposals to support community-based programs

BALTIMORE (February 12, 2014) -- The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the United States, today announced a new **Summer Youth Initiative**. The Initiative was created to provide support for high quality summer programs that blend academic learning with enriching activities to increase positive social behavior and academic achievement. Specific goals include:

- Decreasing summer academic learning loss and promoting literacy
- Increasing STEM competency
- Providing meaningful summer employment/internship opportunities
- Preparing children to be successful in kindergarten
- Improving life skills (communication, leadership, self-empowerment, problem-solving/decision making, conflict resolution, and teamwork)
- Serving and meeting the needs of children with disabilities
- Providing access to healthy food

"Quality out-of-school time is among the Weinberg Foundation's core goals within its US Education grantmaking portfolio," said Ellen M. Heller, Weinberg Foundation Board Chair. "The Foundation believes this new Summer Youth Initiative will provide safe and enriching opportunities for children during the summer months. The Weinberg Foundation looks forward to working with organizations that will carry out this exciting and meaningful work."

Only programs that serve low-income Baltimore City youth will be considered for grant support. Grants awards will not exceed \$50,000. Applicants must:

- Be a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status, and in operation for a minimum of three years
- Primarily serve low-income youth who are Baltimore City residents
- Have paid staff who are responsible for administration, implementation, and finances
- Strive to accelerate academic achievement and promote healthy development as a central goal
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to providing high quality summer learning (ages 0-18) in low-income communities

Preference will be given to programs that are enrollment-based and offer a minimum of 80 hours of programming for each youth

Application deadline is March 12, 2014. For more information, visit the Weinberg Foundation website at <http://hjweinbergfoundation.org/program-areas/education-us/> or contact Sheryl Goldstein, Program Director, US Education at sgoldstein@hjweinberg.org.

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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 U.S. 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 hometown communities of Maryland, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Hawaii. The trustees, some of whom also serve as executive officers of the Foundation, are Donn Weinberg, Barry I. Schloss, Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Alvin Awaya, and Chair Ellen M. Heller. Rachel Garbow Monroe serves as the Weinberg Foundation's President. For more information please go to www.hjweinbergfoundation.org.