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### **Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative Announces \$5.3 Million for Children & Youth Programs**

BALTIMORE – The Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative (the Collaborative) has awarded \$5.3 million in grants to support 93 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 opportunities for families that provide academic support to reduce summer learning loss, connect youth to valuable work experiences, and/or engage youth in enrichment activities that allow them to pursue interests, discover talents, and develop skills.

Collaborative members – some of Baltimore’s largest public, private and nonprofit institutions – include the Abell Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Clayton Baker Trust, Constellation, Family League of Baltimore, France-Merrick Foundation, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, The Hinkey-Benson Family Fund, Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, The Richman Family Foundation, and United Way of Central Maryland.

While members of the Collaborative bring their own priorities to the table – including literacy, STEM, youth employment, and social-emotional wellness – 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. The Collaborative is committed to ensuring that Baltimore City youth can access programs that allow them to learn and grow during the summer months and prepare them for success throughout the year.

This year, the Collaborative welcomed the Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, which committed \$2 million in funding for summer programs run by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color-led organizations and for programs serving older youth ages 14-24. The older youth priority was identified as a result of the [Baltimore City Youth Opportunities Landscape \(BCYOL\)](#), a citywide data collection and analysis effort conducted by Baltimore’s Promise that showed that older youth disconnected from school and work had the fewest out-of-school time opportunities available to them. Employing an explicit equity lens, BCYF and the Collaborative have expanded funding for stakeholders that public and philanthropic funding have historically under-resourced.

“BCYF is honored to make an investment in older youth who are often overlooked and lack access to out-of-school time enrichment,” said Alysia Lee, President of the Baltimore Children & Youth Fund. “These young people are close to or in the beginning phases of adult-hood and they need to know they still have the support of their city and its institutions.”

In addition, Baltimore’s Promise facilitated a robust community review process for all 190 funding applications. The process engaged 11 community-based organizations and 150 individual reviewers. Reviewers used a [Community Review Rubric](#) developed from the findings of BCYOL, which in addition to

mapping youth opportunities also engaged 161 young people, parents, and caregivers to understand local priorities for out-of-school time opportunities. The community review process provided SFC funders with in-depth insight into stakeholder perspectives. Many SFC funders either directly relied on community review results for decision-making or incorporated the scores and feedback into an existing decision-making process. The Baltimore Children and Youth Fund's \$2 million in funding, for example, was directly determined by community review results. In addition, all SFC 2022 applicants received feedback from the review process to support planning for their summer programs and future funding applications.

"The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is deeply appreciative of the time, effort, and expertise shared by community members and partner organizations throughout the SFC Community Review Process," said Rachel Duden, Weinberg Foundation Program Officer, Education. "The comprehensive Community Review Process enabled the Foundation to directly incorporate reviewers' insightful feedback into the grants decision-making process. It is incredibly rewarding to see how the Collaborative and its impact have grown since its inception in 2015, both creating and expanding educational and employment opportunities for young people in Baltimore."

The following organizations will receive funding from the Summer Funding Collaborative:

10:12 Sports	Enoch Pratt Free Library
iAdelante Latina!	Excellence & Ambition Inc.
A Revolutionary Summer	From Prison Cells To PhD
Access Art, Inc.	Hampden Family Center
Afrikan Youth Alchemy	HeartSmiles
Art with a Heart	Holistic Life Foundation
Arts for Learning Maryland	I'm Still Standing Community Corporation
AZIZA PE&CE	Intersection of Change
B-360	Islamic Leadership Institute of America
Backyard Basecamp	Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore Clayworks, Inc.	KEYS EMPOWERS, INC.
Baltimore Curriculum Project	Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center Inc
Baltimore Youth Arts	LET'S GO Boys and Girls, Inc.
Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation	Let's Thrive Baltimore
Beadly Speaking Jewelry LLC	Little Flowers Early Childhood and Development Center, Inc.
Black Girls Cook	Living Classrooms Foundation
Black Wall Street Charm City	Medical Education Resources Initiative for Teens
Bon Secours Baltimore Community Works	Mending Broken Wings, LLC
Bridges Baltimore	Mentoring Mentors Inc
Brittany K. Booker Foundation Inc.	Middle Grades Partnership
BYKE Collective	Mindful Mentors Inc.
CASA	MOMCares
Catherine's Family and Youth Services, Inc.	Moving History
Child First Authority, Inc.	MTM Foundation, Inc.
Civic Works	National Aquarium
Code in the Schools	No Boundaries Coalition
Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Maryland	Omega Baltimore Foundation. Inc.
Corner Team, Inc.	P.O.P. Inc.
Creative City Public Charter School Foundation, Inc.	Parks & People
Dance and Bmore Programs	Patterson Park Public Charter School, Inc.
Dent Education	PeacePlayers International
DewMore Baltimore	Project Pneuma
Digital Harbor Foundation	R.I.S.E Arts Center of Baltimore
Downtown Sailing Center	Safe Alternative Foundation for Education
Elev8 Baltimore, Inc	Soccer Without Borders Maryland
	Springboard Collaborative

St Veronica Roman Catholic Congregation Inc  
St. Francis Neighborhood Center  
St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore  
the Board Room Chess  
The Loyola School: Early Learning Center -  
Elementary K-4  
The Marching Elite Foundation  
The Movement Team  
The Nolita Project Inc  
UMBC Foundation

Unique Fabrics Nonprofit  
University of Maryland, Baltimore Foundation,  
Inc  
Village Learning Place  
W.O.M.A.N.(Working Organizing Making A  
Nation)  
Wide Angle Youth Media  
Women in Transition  
Y in Central Maryland  
Youth As Resources

This is the eighth year of summer youth funding provided by the Collaborative. Last summer, the Collaborative provided over \$3.4 million in funding throughout Baltimore City and funded more than 6,700 summer youth opportunities.

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### ***About Baltimore's Promise***

Baltimore's Promise is a cradle-to-career collective impact nonprofit that is the administrative backbone of the Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative ([www.bmoresfc.org](http://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.baltimorespromise.org](http://www.baltimorespromise.org).

For more information about the Baltimore City Youth Opportunities Landscape, please visit [www.baltimorespromise.org/bcyol](http://www.baltimorespromise.org/bcyol).