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Mayor Pugh, Family League of Baltimore announce recipients of nearly \$2 million in funding to support expanded youth programs

Portion of funds derived from Maryland Education Trust Fund – Video Lottery Terminal legislation

BALTIMORE, Md. – February 28, 2019 – Mayor Catherine Pugh and Family League of Baltimore (Family League) today announced the 30 community-based recipients of a significant investment in the children and youth of the City of Baltimore. The \$1.6 million funding package will invest resources into existing programs which have demonstrated the ability to improve outcomes for young people in the area. Programming is set to start in early March.

“Among Baltimore’s greatest assets is the broad network of organizations that are working with us to provide pathways and wrap-around services for our young people,” said Mayor Catherine E. Pugh. “This additional funding will help them to be even more impactful in the investments they are making in so many young lives - and ultimately, in our City’s future. Supporting and empowering our youth is the responsibility of us all.”

In early December 2018, Mayor Pugh and Family League released the Expanded Youth Programs Request for Applications (RFA), initiating a competitive process that solicited more than 140 responses. A portion of the funds were invested in Out-of-School Time (OST) programs serving youth in grades K-8. The remaining investment has been prioritized for programs serving youth ages 14 to 24. Of the funding available, \$440,000 is made available as a result of the Maryland Education Trust Fund – Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) legislation passed in 2007 and designated to serve young people in the Pimlico/Park Heights footprint.

“We look forward to working with this dynamic group of community organizations in support of Mayor Pugh’s priority of providing more opportunities for young people to access safe and constructive environments after school,” said Demaune Millard, Family League’s president and CEO. “We were impressed with each of these awardees and their proven capability make significant headway in improving outcomes for young people. Each is aligned with our mission and committed to supporting youth through this collective effort to surround them with as many opportunities for success and removing barriers that may keep them from reaching their full potential.”

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Expanded Youth Programs Awardees

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Awardees include:

VLT Funds Recipients

- Excellence & Ambition, Inc. - \$50,000
- Full Gospel Fellowship Church of Deliverance, Inc. - \$104,900
- Liberty Village Project - \$55,000
- MERIT Health Leadership Academy - \$50,000
- NEWfit - \$19,500
- Catherine's Family and Youth Services, Inc. - \$45,000
- Sisters Saving Park Heights - \$115,600

Baltimore City Expanded Youth Programs Funds Recipients

- Smart Steps Youth Services - \$160,000
- Harlem Lacrosse - \$100,000
- Higher Achievement Baltimore - \$100,000
- T.I.M.E. Organization, Inc. - \$100,000
- University of Maryland, Baltimore - \$80,000
- Fusion Partnerships (Baltimore Youth Arts) - \$70,000
- Baltimore Teacher Network - \$60,000
- P.O.P. Inc. (Play On Purpose) - \$50,000
- Parks & People Branches - \$50,000
- St. Francis Neighborhood Center - \$50,000
- Strong City Baltimore - \$50,000
- The Intersection, Inc. - \$50,000
- Baltimore SquashWise, Inc. - \$40,000
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore - \$40,000
- CASA - \$40,000
- Wide Angle Youth Media - \$50,000
- Y in Central Maryland Y Achievers - \$40,000
- Downtown Sailing Center - \$30,000
- Bridging the Gap, Inc. - \$20,000
- Greater Baltimore Urban League - \$20,000
- Liberty's Promise - \$18,000
- LETS GO Boys and Girls, Inc. - \$10,000
- Baltimore Curriculum Project - \$5,000

OST programs provide students the opportunity to explore new ideas, build new skills, find new talents, and experience success. The funds available through the Expanded Youth Programs RFA will strive to increase the number of OST opportunities for youth. This investment will:

- Expand OST programming in Baltimore City in community locations
- Fund comprehensive programming, such as any OST program operating 12 hours a week or more AND single-focus enrichment programming, such as sports leagues or art-focused programs that operate for a limited period of time (12 weeks or less) or within an existing comprehensive program.

Priority areas for this grant include:

- Programs that focus on violence reduction as an outcome;
- Programs located in or serving youth in Baltimore City;
- Programs serving older youth (14 to 24) with a focus on connecting them to school or the workforce, including programs that foster learning and awareness in areas of:

- Money Management
- Health and Hygiene
- Healthy Relationships
- Self-Awareness
- Conflict Resolution;
- Programs serving youth with unstable housing; and
- Programs that demonstrate accountability to meeting the needs of youth and the needs of neighborhood.

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About Family League of Baltimore

Family League of Baltimore (Family League) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the designated Local Management Board for the City of Baltimore. Since 1991, it has served as an architect of change in Baltimore by promoting data-driven, collaborative initiatives and aligning resources to create lasting outcomes for children, families and communities. Stewardship, performance, trust, respect and innovation are the core values that guide its work. In Fiscal Year 2018, Family League provided more than \$13 million to 73 funded partners. Learn more about Family League at www.familyleague.org. Join us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).