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## Creating New Opportunities for Young People

The Baltimore Children & Youth Fund (BCYF) is creating wonderful opportunities for the city's young people. In its first year, BCYF awarded grants to dozens of organizations, giving thousands of our young people the chance to take part in a range of programs, from academic support and science exploration to dance and photography. These are the kinds of experiences that all young people need to feed their curiosity, learn about their world, build confidence and stay on track in school.

**BCYF is committed to a new kind of community-driven grantmaking. Our goals are to:**

**Increase** investment in historically under-resourced communities and the children and youth who live there.

**Elevate** authentic youth and community leadership.

**Develop** leaders of community-based organizations and leaders of color.

**Promote** racial equity and inclusion.

**Work** transparently and with accountability.

### BCYF TIMELINE

#### 2015

Conceived following youth unrest in the city

#### 2016

Approved overwhelmingly by Baltimore voters

#### 2017

Community task force developed blueprint for BCYF

City Council named Associated Black Charities (ABC) as BCYF's interim operator

#### 2018

Community sessions identified priority investment areas and RFP process

Community grants team approved first round of grants

#### 2019

Second round of grants process began

Transitioning of BCYF to independent status began

#### 2020

BCYF to become freestanding entity

### ROUND ONE GRANTS SUMMARY

**488 organizations** applied for grants in the first round, requesting a total of **\$75 million**

BCYF approved **84 grants** totaling **\$9.6 million**  
**2/3 of organizations** are led by African Americans

#### BCYF provided:

**\$924k** for technical assistance, financial counseling and capacity building

**6,400 hours** of technical assistance to grantees

(Includes technical assistance provided for continuation grants)

### CONTINUATION GRANTS FOR ROUND ONE GRANTEEES PROGRESS

**In late 2019**, BCYF began the process to make continuation grants to qualifying grantees selected in the first round.

## A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR BCYF

BCYF will work in 2020 to fulfill the original vision for the fund and become an entity, governed by a board with diverse community representation, under a new operating agreement with Baltimore City. New fulltime staff with deep experience in grantmaking and community engagement will be brought on board. BCYF will made decisions on future funding opportunities; it will continue to be a good steward of public funds, subject to oversight and auditing requirements of Baltimore City.