



## **Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative Community Review Process (CRP) Question & Answers (Q&A) Document**

*All questions asked about the CRP submitted via e-mail before 5:00 PM April 30, 2023 will be on this document. It will be published on June 28, 2023, by 5:00 PM.*

Q: My program received a different rating this year compared to previous years, why is that?

A: Each year, the SFC recruits and trains a new pool of community reviewers that reviews and evaluates our applications. This means that SFC applicants are reviewed by a different set of reviewers each year, and therefore, may receive a different rating. Changes to your funding application from last year may also have affected how your application was rated.

Q: I believe that parts of my application were misinterpreted.

A: Each SFC application was reviewed carefully and scored by at least three trained community reviewers and discussed in a consensus meeting facilitated by a trained adult. The feedback from the SFC 2023 Community Review Process was designed to **inform and support** the decision-making processes of SFC funders; all SFC funders receive your complete funding application, budget, and accompanying documentation in addition to the community review feedback. We encourage all SFC applicants to work with our free technical assistance providers during the application period to ensure that their applications are clear and easy to understand for all community reviewers, which include youth ages 14-24.

Q: My application was rated highly recommended, why were we not granted funding?

A: This year, the SFC received 178 applications and over \$12 Million in requests with just over \$5 Million in funding available to support summer programs. The feedback from the SFC 2023 Community Review Process was designed to **inform and support** the decision-making processes of SFC funders; all SFC funders receive your complete funding application, budget, and accompanying documentation in addition to the community review feedback. As an aligned fund, SFC funders have unique funding priorities and decision-making processes. As individual SFC funders have unique decision-making processes, we are not able to answer questions about your specific application for funding, funding decision, or the ways in which the community review feedback for your program was used by individual funders to make their decisions.

Q: Why was my program not recommended by community reviewers?

A: Reviewers read, scored, and provided comments on the Program Description of each SFC 2023 funding application using the [Community Review Rubric](#). The rubric was created based on priorities expressed by Baltimore's youth, young adults, and parents/caregivers when choosing out-of-school-time programs. (Please read the [Baltimore City Youth Opportunities Landscape \(BCYOL\) Report](#) for more information about these priorities). Please review the community review feedback shared with your organization to understand what community reviews identified as the strengths and opportunities for improvement in your funding application, and the rationale for the rating your application received.