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San Francisco Nonprofits Announce \$1.5M Grant for Summer Collaborative Serving 2,500+ Youth

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3, 2025 — A group of eight San Francisco youth-serving local non-profit organizations are proud to announce a transformative \$1.5 million grant from Crankstart to support the Summer Collaborative, a groundbreaking initiative to dramatically expand access to high-quality summer programming for more than 2,500 children from low-income families across San Francisco neighborhoods.

The collaborative, led by Mariposa Kids, includes Buena Vista Child Care (BVCC), Children's After School Arts (CASA), FACES SF, Horizons at the San Francisco Friends School, Jamestown, Mission Graduates, and Richmond Neighborhood Centers. Together, these organizations have created a comprehensive network of summer enrichment opportunities spanning the Mission, Excelsior, Bayview, Richmond, SOMA, Noe Valley, Potrero Hill, and other neighborhoods throughout the city.

Many families in San Francisco, particularly those in the neighborhoods served by the Summer Collaborative, struggle to access quality summer programming due to financial constraints and limited neighborhood options. A [community needs assessment](#) conducted by the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families (SF DCYF) documented the challenges parents face finding available summer programs in their neighborhood that are affordable, high quality, and offer early drop-off and extended day options.

Many programs, including those from the Summer Collaborative, experienced extensive waitlists in 2024 as a result of funding losses from the local government. This trend continued in 2025 as public funding remained stagnant at its reduced levels while demand for programming continued to grow. Earlier this year, Mayor Lurie asked all departments to cut budgets funded by the General Fund by [15%-20%](#), indicating that no additional city funds would be available for summer programming in 2025.

"What began as an emergency response to funding cuts last year has evolved into something truly transformative," said Ryan Hazelton, Executive Director of Mariposa Kids. "By combining our expertise and resources, we'll be able to reach more children with more impactful programming than any of us could have achieved individually. This collaborative emerged precisely to address these critical gaps in summer programming. Through Crankstart's support, we've been able to maintain and expand services during a time of significant public funding reductions."

In addition to recreational activities, the Summer Collaborative provides academic support and social-emotional development opportunities to San Francisco youth across the city while helping support families and their workforce participation.

For more information about the Summer Collaborative and its program offerings, visit [link] or contact Ryan Hazelton, Executive Director, Mariposa Kids, ryan@sfmariposakids.com

About the Summer Collaborative

The 2025 Summer Collaborative represents a powerful example of what's possible when nonprofits unite around a shared mission. In the face of ongoing public funding challenges, these eight organizations have demonstrated that innovative partnerships can create sustainable solutions for San Francisco families. By combining resources, expertise, and commitment to serving children from all backgrounds, the collaborative will not only provide critical summer programming but has established a model for future nonprofit cooperation. As we look ahead, the lasting impact of this initiative will be measured not just in the number of children served, but in stronger families, academically prepared students, and a more connected community across San Francisco's diverse neighborhoods.

About Crankstart

Crankstart is a San Francisco-based family foundation devoted to bolstering the foundations of a just society - wider access to better education, jobs with prospects for advancement, housing security, social welfare, and the protection of civil rights. Crankstart also supports the arts, basic science, and efforts to mitigate climate change. About 60% of grants go to groups in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Crankstart envisions a vibrant, thriving Bay Area where our region's prosperity is strengthened and shared more equitably by all who live here.