

Ordinance No. 358-2026

**By Council Member Griffin
(by departmental request)**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Finance, on behalf of the Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity, to enter into one or more contracts with Holden Forests and Gardens, for the purpose of providing hands-on, STEM-based educational experiences under the City's Out of School Time Program, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Finance.

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity ("MPIO") develops and implements family-centered programs designed to support youth and young adults and establishes strategic external partnerships to address the social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the mission of MPIO includes preventing violence and trauma impacting youth, families, and communities by advancing coordinated, community-based strategies that promote safety, stability, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, MPIO seeks to enter into multiple contracts with various entities to administer and implement the City's Out of School Time Program ("OST"), which program involves providing a comprehensive range of youth enrichment and expanded learning activities within accessible community spaces during after-school hours and or any other periods when schools are not in session; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance, on behalf of MPIO, is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with Holden Forests and Gardens ("Contractor"), the registered trade name of The Holden Arboretum, an Ohio corporation for non-profit that works with the Cleveland Botanical Garden, to provide hands-on, STEM-based educational experiences focused on how participants and their communities can improve health and well-being through learning about plants and trees, on the basis of Contractor's proposal dated November 21, 2025 and revised on January 16, 2026, for a term of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Finance. The cost of the contract or contracts shall not exceed forty-seven thousand five hundred and ninety dollars (\$47,590.00).

Section 2. That the cost of the contract or contracts shall be paid from Fund No. 01-0114-6380. (RQS 0114, RL 2026-07)

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Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

VG:uo
3-23-26

FOR: Director Barrett

