



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Frank G. Jackson

Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention & Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults

Summary of Ordinance No. 281-2021

Description: Authorizing the Director of Finance to employ one or more professional consultants to design and implement projects to support the transformation of City recreation centers into trauma-informed neighborhood resource and recreation centers; and to develop and provide programs and activities for youth and their families to serve as tools to prevent violence, develop skills and knowledge to overcome challenges associated with trauma and toxic stress, and to create opportunities for youth and their families to live quality lives, for a period up to eighteen months, with one option to renew for a period up to eighteen months, exercisable by the Director of Finance.

Source: General Fund

Amount: \$2,700,000

Funding will support the following key initiatives:

- 1) **Trauma-Informed Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers:** Continue efforts to transform the City's (22) recreation centers into high-quality trauma-informed neighborhood resource and recreation centers
 - 2) **Youth Diversion & Reentry:**
Connect high-risk and incarcerated youth to the resources and support services required to reduce recidivism and improve life outcomes.
 - 3) **Youth Employment:**
Provide high school youth meaningful employment and internship opportunities that support improvements in learning outcomes, social/emotional development and prepares them to complete in a 21st century global economy.
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I. Trauma-Informed Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers

Background/Purpose:

Transforming our 22 recreation centers into trauma-informed care neighborhood resource and recreation centers is a key part of the Mayor's comprehensive plan to address the root causes of violence and reverse the impact of trauma and toxic stress on the communities we serve.

Our recreation centers serve as a hub of activity for our youth, families and seniors. They are places where many of our children and families go to find a place of solace and support. Recognizing their value and the opportunity they afford us to provide important resources and services to our communities, we are working to transform them into trauma-informed care neighborhood resource and recreation centers- places where our youth and families can access the opportunities, the resources and support services that will help prevent youth violence, promote healing and help them live quality, productive lives. By investing in our youth and families, we create stronger communities and thereby create a stronger City.

Phase 1 of the transformation process began in May 2018. In June 2020, we initiated phase 2 of the transformation initiative and will continue the work this year.

Phase 2:

1) Expanded Programs: Continue to offer expanded programs in the NRRCs focused around 6 areas:

Youth & Adult Education; Job & Career Readiness; Health & Wellness; Youth Leadership, Mentorship & Community Engagement; The Arts; and Sports & Recreation

Currently, PIOYAA is partner with 40 vendors to offer over 50 programs.

2) Improve quality of NRRCs/Ensure trauma-informed care principles are embedded in the fabric of how NRRCs operate:

The Office of PIOYAA and the Division of Recreation are partnering with CWRU, CSU and KSU to complete the following:

- Provide professional development for all Division of Recreation leadership and staff
- Prepare all Division of Recreation leadership to receive the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certification- *National standard for all parks and recreation professional who want to be at the forefront of their profession*

- Create a new Division of Recreation leadership competency-based evaluation system
- Develop Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Center (NRRC) standards
- Revise policies and procedures to align with standards and trauma-informed care principles
- Develop new NRRC assessment system
- Continue trauma-informed care and related topics professional development for all staff

II. Youth Diversion & Reentry Programming

a) Mayor's Fresh Start Initiative:

Designed to provide non-adjudicated youth, ages 15-19, referred to the City's Diversion program wrap-around support services and enrichment and job opportunities to improve overall life outcomes.

b) Reentry Program (Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility)- Pilot

The Mayor's Office of PIOYYA, The Community Relations Board, and the Cleveland Department of Public Health will work in collaboration with OhioGuidestone to provide (20) targeted City of Cleveland youth, ages 17-20, and their families the support and assistance required to reduce the rate of recidivism and ensure successful transition for the youth back to their homes/ community.

III. Youth Summer Employment

- Partner with Youth Opportunities Unlimited to provide summer employment opportunities for (200) high school students, grades 8-12. Students will earn \$8.80 per hour; working 24 hours per week for 6 weeks. Students can earn up to \$1,267.20 at the end of the 6-week program.
- Pilot:** Partner with Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Associate to provide (10) middle grade students mentoring, life skills and job skills training. Students will work in a targeted community to design and implement a community service project. Each student will earn a \$768.00 stipend at the end of the 8-week program.