

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY
Legislative Summary
 Authorization to Apply for, Accept and Spend Philanthropic Grant Funding
 Cleveland Climate Resilience Corps

DEPT / DIVISION:	Department of Finance, on behalf of the Mayor's Office of Sustainability
ORDINANCE NO:	TBD
LEAD DEPARTMENT:	Mayor's Office of Sustainability
PARTNER DEPARTMENTS:	Parks & Recreation Public Safety Community Relations Board
LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE:	Authorization to apply for, accept and spend one or more philanthropic grants for the establishment and operation of the Cleveland Climate Resilience Corps pilot program
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:	A paid, intergenerational neighborhood stewardship program (focus on youth and seniors) deploying trained Resilience Corps members in Hough and possibly one other neighborhood to maintain green infrastructure, serve as a presence in parks and provide community-level climate resilience support such as in emergency storm damage recovery or sheltering during power outage, etc. Goal: continuous engagement of community members on cross-departmental priorities in resilience, green infrastructure, safety, and climate action as well as a pathway to city employment
PROGRAM PERIOD:	August 2026 – July 2028 (up to two years)
TARGET NEIGHBORHOODS:	Hough and St. Clair, City of Cleveland
GRANT AMOUNT RANGE:	Est. \$100,000 – \$250,000
FUNDING USE:	Living wage stipends \$16.26 hr. (majority) for up to 20 participants; FEMA Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), entry-level green infrastructure training with city staff, resilience and sustainability training; personal protective equipment and tools; vendor and/or overtime pay for city safety staff to run the CERT exercise
IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT OF CITY PLANS:	Climate Action Plan Master Parks & Recreation Plan Emergency Operations Plan 10 Year Strategic Plan's O1 Objective: Make sustainability investments with long-term financial benefit city-wide
POST-PILOT PATH:	Pilot outcomes build the evidence base for full integration into the City operating budget beginning FY2029 to achieve long-term financial benefit
PREVIOUS EXPENDED AMOUNT:	N/A — New cross-departmental program
ESTIMATED AMOUNT:	\$100,000 – \$250,000 (grant dependent)
PREVIOUS CONTRACT:	N/A — No prior contracts
RQS, Fund Sub-Fund #:	RQS-0112_RLA202600000040, Fund: #15, Sub-Fund: #1503