

Request for Legislation

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more professional service contracts to implement team projects and internships for the administration and management of the Department of Public Utilities Youth Employment Program; and, authorizing one or more contracts with public entities, individuals, or communities for purposes of implementing the program; and, authorizing the acceptance of funds, such as gifts, grants or services for the purposes of implementing portions of the program, for a period of one year with two one-year options to renew exercisable by the Director of Public Utilities.

Background/Purpose:

The Department of Public Utilities has sponsored a youth employment program to employ City of Cleveland youth to perform various assigned tasks for the past 17 years. In addition to the assigned tasks for the youth, a work readiness component will be taught to the youth that includes: time management, work performance and responsibility. The program presents an opportunity for Cleveland youth to perform a needed public service to improve the community in which they live and our environment. Because this will most likely be the first job that these youth will have, the youth will develop skills that develop good work ethics and pride in the work they are performing by knowing they have contributed to improving the neighborhood in which they live and introduce youth to various careers in the utilities industry.

The Divisions of Water and Water Pollution Control will provide the funding and oversight for this program by identifying project leads who are involved with the planning of tasks and the provision of supplies and materials required. Once the youth are recruited, orientation and training will be conducted and staging area(s) each day will be identified. Youth and supervisors will practice health safety measures and wear proper personal protective equipment.

The Department of Public Utilities will also be looking for opportunities to add educational components to the program; hence, we are requesting authority to enter into one or more contracts with other public entities to provide additional educational components and authority to accept funds such as gifts, grants or services for the purposes of implementing portions of the program

Scope of Services:

The Divisions of Water and Water Pollution Control are seeking legislative authority to enter into one or more contracts for the administration, implementation and management of the Department of Public Utilities' Youth Employment Program and authority to enter into one or more contracts with public entities or individuals for the purposes of implementing this program. If arranged by the Director of Public Utilities through negotiations with suburban communities, then opportunities for the youth may include activities in those communities. Youth who reside in the City of Cleveland will be eligible to participate in the youth employment program.

Justification:

In an effort to reach out to various organizations, requests for proposals will be issued by the Department of Public Utilities with goals established to administrate, implement and manage the recruitment of both youth and supervisors for team projects and internships designed by the Department of Public Utilities with a focus on providing work opportunities within our community for youth entering the workforce for the first time and create an opportunity for Cleveland youth to explore career aspirations within the utilities industry.

Anticipated Costs and funding source:

Year 1 - \$500,000.00

Funds will be covered from the general operating funds from CWD and WPC; and, appropriations will be made annually per year. [General operating funds of CWD (52-001) - \$405,000.00 and WPC (54-001) - \$95,000.00]

Schedule or Term of Contract:

Legislation is to lead to one or more contracts for a term of twelve (12) months with two one-year options to renew exercisable by the Director of Public Utilities.

Current Contract(s):

No current contracts exist for the employment of youth as funded by the Department of Public Utilities.

Cleveland Small Business (CSB) Participation on the Current Contracts:

CSB participation goal: 0% CSB

The expense of this program is almost entirely the cost of the youth and direct oversight costs. There is no practical option to subcontract any of this work.

Previous Contract(s):

Vendor Name	Vendor Address	Vendor Contact	Contract Info
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Craig Dorn, President	Contract #: 2021-143 Awarded Amount: \$980,000.00 Contract Expiration Date: 05/30/2023
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Craig Dorn, President	Contract #: 2019-133 Awarded Amount: \$1,050,000.00 Contract Expiration Date: 05/31/2021
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Craig Dorn, President	Contract #: 2017-114 Awarded Amount: \$1,050,000.00 Contract Expiration Date: 05/30/2019
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 2015-130 Awarded Amount: \$1,020,000.00 Contract Expiration Date: 05/31/2016
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 2013-123 Awarded Amount: \$989,970.00 Contract Expiration Date: 05/31/2015
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 2012-125 Awarded Amount: \$484,154.00 Contract Expiration Date: 08/31/2012
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 2011-120 Awarded Amount: \$441,944.43 Contract Expiration Date: 08/31/2011
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 2010-143 Awarded Amount: \$482,774.99 Contract Expiration Date: 08/31/2010
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 69191 Awarded Amount: \$486,270.95 Contract Expiration Date: 08/31/2009
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 67995 Awarded Amount: \$458,000.95 Contract Expiration Date: 08/31/2008
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 66904 Awarded Amount: \$348,704.23 Contract Expiration Date: 08/31/2007
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	1361 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	Carol Rivchun, President	Contract #: 65689 Awarded Amount: \$178,413.40 Contract Expiration Date: 08/31/2006