

**Department of Finance
Council Summary**

ORDINANCE NO: _____

DESCRIPTION:

Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement with Cleveland Botanical Garden to provide Out of School Time programming for a fee not to exceed \$47,590 for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew.

The Cleveland Botanical Garden has been collaborating with the Mayor’s Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity since 2021, providing STEM programming that strengthens youth development through hands-on environmental learning, community gardening and leadership skill building. Connecting young people with nature through structured, developmental experiences improves wellbeing, fosters resilience, and supports academic and social success. This program is offered during the summer and fall seasons for one day a week, 2 hours per day at two sites per season. While this program is appropriate for youth in grades 1 – 12, each site specifies which age groups they would like to target. The maximum number of participants is flexible, depending upon the activity, with the ideal maximum 25. The cost for this program for the two seasons is \$47,590.

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SOURCE:

General Fund

**CONTRACT
AMOUNT:**

\$47,590

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

The Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity (MPIO) creates youth, young adult and family centered programs and initiatives, establishes key external partnerships and aligns city resources in an effort to address the social determinants of health. The overarching goals are to prevent violence before it occurs; reduce the adverse consequences of violence and trauma on youth, families and communities; improve community wellness and resiliency; and increase access to quality programming, resources and support services for all City of Cleveland residents.

The Out of School Time (OST) Programs provide a variety of programming and activities in our NRRCs and other community spaces. These programs and activities for youth and adults were aligned to four categories for 2026:

1. Prenatal – Early Childhood
2. Educational Outcomes and Out of School time
3. College and Career Readiness
4. Overall Wellbeing

Mayor Justin Bibb has made violence prevention a priority every summer since taking office in 2022 and the Out of School Time Programs play a major role in focusing the attention of our youth on positive programs and activities where they can learn and explore, and responsible adults can provide mentorship and guidance.

The requested legislation will allow the Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity to continue offering expanded programs and activities that meet the needs of our community.