

**Department of Finance  
Council Summary**

**ORDINANCE NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION:**

Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement with Kent State University to provide Out of School Time programming for a fee not to exceed \$109,000 for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew.

The Kent State University program "Making Our Own Space" engages students through hands-on workshops where students explore their neighborhoods, develop ideas and design physical improvements to public spaces, and construct their ideas on-site as temporary or permanent installations. This program provides participants with real-world skill-building in architecture, industrial design, constructions, graphic design and urban planning. Participants in grades 6 – 12 receive a gift card with a value of \$300- \$400 depending upon the length of the session and their attendance. This proposal provides four sessions. Each session is 3 weeks, 5 days a week from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. The maximum number of participants is 15 per site. The cost for this program is \$109,000.

**RQS 0114 RL2026\*0007**

**SOURCE:** General Fund

**CONTRACT  
AMOUNT:** \$109,000

## **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.