

**Request for Legislation**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more contracts with Youth Opportunities Unlimited for the administration, implementation, and management of the Cleveland Summer Youth Employment Program and authorizing one or more contracts with public entities or individuals to implement the Summer Youth Employment Program, for a period of one year with one option to renew for an additional one year period, exercisable by the Director of Public Utilities If arranged by the Director of Public Utilities through negotiations with suburban communities, then youth summer employment opportunities may include activities in those communities.

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**Background/Purpose:**

This will be the sixteenth year to employ City of Cleveland youth to perform various assigned tasks within the Greater Cleveland area in collaboration with Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y. O. U.), who will be administering the program. In addition to the assigned tasks for the youth, Y. O. U. will provide a work readiness component that includes: time management, work performance and responsibility to be taught to the youth. The program presents an opportunity for Cleveland youth to perform a needed public service to improve the community in which they live. Because this will most likely be the first job that these youth will have had, 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.

Lead and field supervisors over the age of 18 will be paid between \$15.00 and \$20.25 per hour while youth ages 14 to 18 will be paid \$8.80 per hour. 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 as well as practice social distancing while working on outdoor projects.

Youth Opportunities Unlimited has worked with the City of Cleveland in providing youth for summer employment with the City. Y.O.U. is the ideal organization to administrate this community program because of Y.O.U.'s experience in recruiting youth and Y.O.U.'s ability to incorporate the work experience with a work readiness component to develop the skills of the youth participating in the program.

The Department of Public Utilities is always 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.

**Scope of Services:**

The Divisions of Water and Water Pollution Control are seeking legislative authority to enter into a direct contract with Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) for the administration, implementation and management of the City of Cleveland 2021 Summer 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. Y.O.U. will recruit 95 youth and 17 lead and field supervisors to plan daily tasks and supervise the crews of youth who will participate in the program. Youth who reside in the City of Cleveland will be eligible to participate in the summer youth employment program. The youth and supervisors will be identified by Y.O.U. by mid-May

**Justification/Urgency:**

Y.O.U. will need to begin the recruitment and evaluation process as soon as possible to maintain a schedule that will yield sufficient time to identify youth, lead and field supervisors for participation in the program by mid-May. This schedule will make it possible for the program to begin when the school year ends at the beginning of June.

**Anticipated Costs and funding source:**

\$490,000.00 [General operating funds of CWD (52-001) - \$396,900 and WPC (54-001 – \$93,100]

**Schedule or Term of Contract:**

Legislation is to lead to a direct contract or contracts for the term of a to-be-determined period to complete the work for twelve (12) months with an option to renew a one-year option exercisable by the Director of Public Utilities.

The Cleveland Small Business (CSB) goal on this direct contract is not applicable.

**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

If there is no CSB participation, explain why here: Direct award contract - summer youth employment program.

**Previous Contract(s):**

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Vendor Address</b>	<b>Vendor Contact</b>	<b>Contract Info</b>
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