

## **Department of Finance Legislative Summary**

**Ord. No.:** 31-2026

**DESCRIPTION:**

Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract with Youth Opportunity Unlimited to provide summer youth employment opportunities during the summer of 2026.

**SOURCE:** General Fund

**AMOUNT:** \$1,499,337

**ACTIVITY SUMMARY:**

The Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity is requesting legislative authority to employ by contract Youth Opportunity Unlimited for the purpose of supplementing the regularly employed staff of several departments of the city of Cleveland in order to provide professional services necessary to design and implement a Summer 2026 Youth Employment program.

This program serves as a tool to help prevent violence by helping youth develop skills and obtain knowledge to overcome challenges associated with trauma and toxic stress, the root cause of violence. The summer youth employment program also creates opportunities for youth to learn workforce development skills and explore career paths.

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

Youth Opportunity Unlimited was selected from responses to an RFP and will receive an amount that collectively does not exceed \$1,499,337. The requested contract is for an initial eighteen-month term with two optional eighteen-month renewal periods, exercisable by the Director of Finance.