

Department of Finance Legislative Summary

ORDINANCE NO: **43-2025**

DESCRIPTION:

Authorizing the Director of Finance to employ one or more professional consultants to design and implement projects to support the transformation of City recreation centers into trauma-informed Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers; and to develop and provide programs and activities for youth and their families to serve as tools to prevent violence, develop skills and knowledge to overcome challenges associated with trauma and toxic stress, and to create opportunities for youth and their families to live quality lives, for a period up to eighteen months, with one option to renew for a period up to eighteen months, exercisable by the Director of Finance.

SOURCE: General Fund

**CONTRACT
AMOUNT:** \$2,800,000

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

The Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults (PIOYYA) creates youth, young adult and family centered programs and initiatives, establishes key external partnerships and aligns city resources in an effort to address 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 Expanded Programs provide a variety of programming and activities in our NRRCs and other community/third spaces. These programs and activities for youth and adults fall into six categories:

1. Youth and Adult Education
2. Job and Career Readiness
3. Health and Wellness
4. Youth Leadership Development, Mentorship and Community Service
5. The Arts
6. Sports and Recreation

Mayor Justin Bibb has made violence prevention a priority every summer since taking office in 2022 and the Expanded 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 for Youth and Young Adults to continue offering expanded programs and activities that meet the needs of our community.