



Mayor Mark Mallory

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Mayor's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative Approved by Council Program to employ 220 youth in city jobs passes unanimously

Cincinnati – At tonight's City Council Meeting, the Cincinnati City Council unanimously approved Mayor Mark Mallory's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative. The Mayor's initiative will invest a total of \$421,250 to employ 220 young people between the ages of 14 and 24 for the summer through 5 different youth employment programs. All the jobs in the Mayor's Initiative have a mentoring component to provide the youth with training as well as employment.

"The key to having responsible youth is to provide them with productive opportunities," Mayor Mallory said. "Our youth want to work, but we must ensure that there are enough jobs for them to be able to work. Our program will not only give them meaningful employment, but they will be learning skills that will help them in future jobs. As an added bonus, they will be doing work that will be making the city a better place to live."

The Mayor's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative is made up of 5 programs:

- MuralWorks youth artist mural program administered by ArtWorks – 80 jobs;
- Green Leaf Summer Jobs administered by the Cincinnati Parks Department that will match youth with Park employee mentors for a variety of duties in the Parks Department – 50 jobs;
- Junior Counselor Program administered by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to give employment opportunities to 14 year old youth – 30 jobs;
- Recreation Employment Corps administered by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission that will hire interns to help run Recreation Centers – 30 jobs
- Green Team administered by Cincinnati Recreation Commission for entry level positions in the CRC Outdoor Maintenance Division – 30 jobs

Mayor Mallory unveiled the Mayor's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative last week at a press conference at Leblond Recreation Center in the East End. Mayor Mallory has made youth employment one of the top priorities for his administration. A half million dollar youth employment program was a centerpiece of the Mayor's first budget proposal. With the help of Councilmember Laketa Cole, the city's commitment to youth employment grew to \$1.5 million during the budget process.

The Mayor has also sponsors the Annual Mayor's Youth Jobs and Opportunities Fair to connect young adults to employment opportunities. In the two years that Mayor Mallory has held the job fair more than 3,000 young adults have attended.

To apply for a job with the Mayor's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative, contact the Cincinnati Recreation Commission at 352-4000, or the Cincinnati Parks Department at 352-4080 for more information.

Attached: [Overview of Mayor's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative](#)
[Motion appropriating funding for the initiative](#)