

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

June 16, 2022

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY PASSED THROUGH FROM THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC
LIBRARY FOUNDATION FOR AN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY SURVEY**

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library was invited to respond to the Western Reserve Historical Society's ("WRHS") request for proposals for a survey of African American history in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS The Library and WRHS have a long, productive history of working together to bring value to Cleveland by improving the community's quality of life through arts, culture and education; and

WHEREAS The Library was awarded a grant from WRHS for \$50,000 to help WRHS with the African American collections survey project that will bring Greater Cleveland's vast African American history resources and stakeholders together; and

WHEREAS There are a host of organizations, including WRHS through its African American Archives, that hold collections related to African American history and culture in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. To do this work, CPL will hire a temporary staff member in the Center for Local and Global History who will identify organizations and their collections, create an inventory, and determine how to best catalog this information for future use and research; and

WHEREAS These cultural holdings will not only strengthen the mission of WRHS and the Library but will also offer social, educational and economic benefits as well; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees, pursuant to the authority set forth in R.C. §3375.40(K), hereby accepts the grant from the Western Reserve Historical Society in the amount of \$50,000 to be deposited into the Founders Fund Account 203046-46100-11932 (Restricted Gifts); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, is authorized to enter into and execute such agreements and instruments as approved by the Library's Director of Legal Affairs, including those for amounts in excess of \$25,000, that are necessary or appropriate to effectuate the terms and conditions of the grant and this Resolution.