

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

June 16, 2022

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE BRUENING FOUNDATION
PASSED THROUGH FROM THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION FOR EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Eva and Joseph Bruening viewed the children of Cleveland as their legacy. They believed they had a responsibility to care for those in need, and The Bruening Foundation, set up from the proceeds of their estates after their deaths in 1987, carries forward their vision of a better society; and

WHEREAS The Bruening Foundation aims to support organizations and programs that place an emphasis on learning for low-income populations. They believe that the conditions that foster learning and the “teachers” that impart learning are just as important as the content and experiences; and

WHEREAS The Bruening Foundation hopes to develop and maintain partnerships with organizations that provide innovative learning experiences that integrate academic, social and emotional growth and create positive conditions for learning for children 0-8; and

WHEREAS The Library applied for and was awarded a grant of \$35,000 from The Bruening Foundation for a new *0-3: Read to Me* early literacy program that will encourage parents of children ages zero to three to read to their child from birth. *0-3: Read to Me* will ensure parents know why reading from birth is important and, through both passive and active Library programming, will give parents the tools to embark upon this crucial journey; and

WHEREAS At Cleveland Public Library, we know that early literacy is a continuous developmental process that begins in the first years of life. This program will help to enforce that early literacy skills develop in real life settings through positive interactions with literacy materials and people; and

WHEREAS Cleveland Public Library is grateful for the continued support of the Bruening Foundation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library, pursuant to the authority set forth in R.C. §3375.40(K), hereby accepts this grant in the amount of \$35,000 to be deposited into the Early Literacy Fund Account 258046-46100 (Restricted Gifts); and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, is authorized to enter into and execute such agreements and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate, including those in excess of \$25,000.00, to effectuate the terms and conditions of the Grant and this Resolution, which agreements and instruments shall be subject to the approval of the Library's Director of Legal Affairs.