

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

February 13, 2024

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PASS THROUGH GRANT FROM CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE BARBERSHOP BOOKS PROGRAM FROM THE URBAN LIBRARIES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Urban Libraries Council seeks to build directly on its long-term commitment to race equity and to the role of libraries in improving educational outcomes and is partnering with Barbershop Books, a literacy leader for Black boys; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, Cleveland Public Library agreed to participate in a peer learning cohort and learn how to implement a local Barbershop Books program. As part of this work, the Library works with local barbers to implement the Barbershop Books Model, which includes programs for children to read for fun through child-centered, culturally-responsive, and community-based programming and content; and

WHEREAS, The project remains focused on the opportunity to strengthen current library resources and capacity to address gaps in access to culturally-relevant children's literature and to increase out-of-school time reading for children in low-income households, especially boys in Black under-resourced communities; and

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library was invited to participate again this year and, and the Cleveland Public Library Foundation was provided a \$7,500 grant to continue this work; 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 a grant from Urban Libraries Council as received through the Cleveland Public Library Foundation in an amount of \$7,500 for deposit into the Founders Fund Account 203042-42100-32801 (Federal Aid); 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 that are necessary or appropriate to effectuate the terms and conditions of the grant and this Resolution.