

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

May 14, 2019

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AND APPROVING COMPETITIVE  
BIDDING FOR INSTALLATION OF EASTMAN READING GARDEN  
IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, On February 21, 2019, this Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing the Library to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. to perform landscape architecture services for the design of improvements to the Eastman Reading Garden (the "Project"), which will include lighting and WIFI upgrades, new site furnishings, replacement of plantings, irrigation, and hardscape repairs; and

WHEREAS, CT Consultants has completed the design and construction drawings and has estimated the total cost of the Project to be \$476,106 including cost of construction, general conditions, change order contingency and fixtures, furniture, and equipment. The Library is requesting that the Board approve a total Project budget of \$526,106 which includes the \$50,000 for CT Consultant's design fees previously approved by this Board; and

WHEREAS, The Library is bound by Ohio Revised Code Section 3375.41 which requires that competitive bidding be used to select a contractor for all construction projects costing over \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, In the interests of time, the Library has already begun the process of advertising the bids, and bids are required to be submitted to the Library on May 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The terms and conditions of the Beard Endowment Fund provide that the income "be used to purchase or provide floral and plant decorations for display or as exhibits in any or all of the library buildings". The Library Administration deems this improvement beneficial to the Library's Eastman Reading Garden and the Board of Library Trustees has approved the appropriation measure for the Beard permanent fund (503), which includes this improvement expense; now therefore be it

#### **EXHIBIT 4**

RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library approves the Project budget of \$526,106 for the construction of improvements to the Eastman Reading Garden and authorizes the Fiscal Officer to use Beard Endowment funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, charged to the Beard Endowment Fund 503, deemed beneficial to improve the Library's Eastman Reading Garden, and \$426,106 charged to the Building and Repair Fund 401; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees approves competitive bidding for the construction of this Project.