

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

January 17, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT LIBRARIES ACCELERATING LEARNING GRANT  
FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Education announced the Libraries Accelerating Learning opportunity to Ohio libraries through the American Rescue Plan ESSER funding to create or expand literacy programs for Ohio's PreK-12 students; and

WHEREAS, The Library applied for and was awarded a grant for \$250,000 to implement an early literacy outreach program to serve students in activities designed to address learning loss and accelerate learning with a focus on literacy; and

WHEREAS, Funding will allow the Library to take library services and literacy training to early childcare and education programs (preschools, day cares, home care providers, pediatric settings, and community events) to assist adults working with and caring for young children by delivering literacy-based programming and loaning materials; and

WHEREAS, The goal of this program is to raise awareness about the importance of reading from birth to the Cleveland community. This falls directly in line with one of the Library's strategic priorities of "closing the gaps" to address inequalities facing the City of Cleveland by increasing the number of children under five who have the literacy skills to be ready for kindergarten; 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 Ohio Department of Education in the amount of \$250,000, to be deposited into the Early Literacy Fund Account 258042-42100-18801 (Federal Aid), and authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee to execute such instruments or agreements as are necessary to effectuate the terms of the grant, including those for expenditures in excess of \$25,000, which agreements shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Legal Affairs.