

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

March 14, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE URBAN LIBRARIES
COUNCIL FOR BARBERSHOP BOOKS PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library agrees to participate in ULC's Barbershop Books initiative funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in a peer learning cohort and learn how to implement a local Barbershop Books program reaching 10 barbershops. As part of this work the Library will help local barbers 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 will focus on the opportunity to strengthen current library resources and capacity to address gaps in access to culturally relevant children's literature and increase out-of-school time reading for children in low-income households, especially boys in Black under-resourced communities; and

WHEREAS, A stipend of \$10,000 to support purchase of books from the list of preferred titles provided by Barbershop Books and other materials to support local events, reader recognition prizes and participating barber appreciation; 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 a grant from ULC in an amount of \$10,000 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 may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution, which agreements and instruments shall be subject to the approval of the Library's Director of Legal Affairs.