

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

September 17, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT SUSTAINABLE STORES GRANT  
FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2024, the Cleveland Public Library was notified by the Cuyahoga County Department of Sustainability that the Library was selected to receive a 2024 Sustainable Stores Grant for Retail Communities (the "Grant") to eliminate plastic checkout bags in partnership with designated retailers and to help establish a habit of bringing in reusable bags; and

WHEREAS, With this \$8,000 grant, the Library will take the first step toward eliminating the use of plastic bags and encouraging the use of reusable ones through the distribution of multiuse bags, use of signage and social media, and public education about the environmental benefits of reducing plastic waste. This initial pilot will begin at the Harvard-Lee Branch, South Branch Food Pantry, and the West Park Branch, along with satellite locations at the Book Boxes and West Side Market; and

WHEREAS, The County's Department of Sustainability estimates that the 12 retailers, 6 food pantries, and 7 library book distribution locations that are part of this 2024 Grant will collectively eliminate more than 8,000 plastic checkout bags from Cuyahoga County each week; and

WHEREAS, The Library expresses its gratitude to Cuyahoga County's Department of Sustainability for this Grant and is pleased to be part of this initiative; 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 in the amount of \$8,000, to be reimbursed upon the completion of the Grant activities into the Founders Fund Account 203042-42300-33801 (Local Aid), to support the 2024 Sustainable Stores Grant for Retail Communities and hereby authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee 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.