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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

June 17, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Library Commissioner, I transmit herewith an ordinance authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "BJ", followed by a horizontal line.

Mayor

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the "City") is a home rule unit of government under Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois authorized to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Public Library (the "Library") is a unit of the City of Chicago, which is a home rule unit of government by virtue of Article VII, Section 6(a) of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Public Library Foundation ("the Foundation") is an Illinois not-for profit corporation organized for the purposes of soliciting contributions and funding for the Library from individuals, foundations and corporations in an effort to create a substantial permanent endowment and to provide additional funding for the Library; and

WHEREAS, the Library has been informed of a bequest (the "Bequest") in the amount of \$500,000 from a trust (the "Trust") under the will of Carl H. Urist; and

WHEREAS, a specification of the Bequest, which was made in honor of Elsie Hammerman Urist, is that it be used for the purchase of books and other educational materials for the Library's Thomas Hughes Children's Library (the "Bequest Purpose"); and

WHEREAS, the Library desires to provide the Foundation, to use for the Bequest Purpose, a grant of funds received under the Bequest, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the Library desires to request that the trustee of the Trust pay the amount of the Bequest directly to the Foundation, and this payment shall fulfill the Library's obligation to fund the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Library and the Foundation have agreed to enter into an agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Agreement"); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated in and made part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel, the Commissioner of the Library or his designee are each authorized to execute the Agreement with the Foundation substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and such other supporting documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Agreement, with such changes, deletions and insertions as shall be approved by the persons executing the Agreement. The Commissioner is further authorized to execute ancillary documents as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. To the extent that any ordinance, resolution, rule, order, provision of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago, or any part thereof, is in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall control. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause

or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.



CITY OF CHICAGO

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

CITY COUNCIL

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**July 15, 2026
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Finance which was referred an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement with the Chicago Public Library Foundation in support of the Thomas Hughes Children's Library located at **400 S. State Street.**

4th Ward

(O2026-0026244)

Amount up to: \$500,000.

Having the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that Your Honorable Body **Pass** the proposed ordinance transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by a voice vote of the members of the committee present with no dissenting vote on **July 13, 2026.**

(signed)

Pat Dowell, Chairman
Committee on Finance

APPROVED


CORPORATION COUNSEL

DATED: July 17, 2026

APPROVED


MAYOR

DATED: 7-17-26