

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Board Meeting**

September 17, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING THROUGH THE  
OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND ESTABLISH A SPECIAL  
REVENUE FUND**

WHEREAS, Funds were awarded to the State of Ohio as Federal Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Funds were awarded under the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") as the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF); and

WHEREAS, Ohio's public libraries were invited to apply for the \$18.3 million in CARES Act funds that were approved by the Ohio Controlling Board at the end of July. The new Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) - Public Library Assistance Program will be administered by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM); and

WHEREAS, This program provides funding of \$25,000 to each Ohio public library and branch location. The funds can be utilized across the library system. The Ohio Library Council (OLC) advocated for these funds to help offset the unanticipated costs of safely operating library facilities during the pandemic. The money can be used towards increased sanitation of public library buildings and the purchase of PPE, including hand sanitizer, face masks, gloves, thermometers, Plexiglas barriers, and large bins to quarantine returned library materials; and

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library applied for CARES Act funds and received \$700,000 on August 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library established a Coronavirus Relief Special Revenue Fund (#260) to separately track the receipt and expenditure activity of the CRF funds. Since this is a new federal program with a restricted purpose, local governments have authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.09 to establish the new fund, without seeking Auditor of State (AOS) approval; now be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees accepts the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds in the amount of \$700,000 for the funding period March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, for receipt into the Coronavirus Relief Fund Account 260042-42100 (Federal Aid) effective August 28, 2020; and be it further

**EXHIBIT 2**

RESOLVED, That the Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to create the Coronavirus Relief Special Revenue Fund (#260) for the purpose of tracking receipt and expenditure activity of coronavirus relief funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, is authorized to enter into and to execute agreements and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate, including those in excess of \$25,000.00, 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.