

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

March 16, 2021

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND/OR ESTABLISH
FUNDING REQUESTS FOR E-RATE CATEGORY TWO SERVICES FOR THE
E-RATE FUNDING YEAR 2021: 07/01/2021 THROUGH 06/30/2022**

WHEREAS, The Schools and Libraries Program of the federal Universal Service Fund makes discounts available to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunication services, Internet access, and internal connections; and

WHEREAS, The Program is intended to ensure that schools and libraries have access to affordable telecommunications and information services; and

WHEREAS The Schools and Libraries Program reimburses telecommunications, Internet access, and internal connections providers for discounts on eligible services provided to schools and libraries. While schools and libraries apply for these discounts, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) works in conjunction with service providers to make sure these discounts are passed on to program participants; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library is eligible to participate in the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Discount Program and currently requests needs for Category One Services, which provides connectivity to the buildings, through the program, and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library desires to apply for Category Two Services, which provides connectivity *within* the buildings, in order to assist with our Facilities Master Plan construction projects; and

WHEREAS, To be eligible for any service under Category Two, the Library must certify compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). CIPA provides that, in the first funding year in which the Library is applying for funds, the Library need not

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be fully compliant with CIPA's requirements but can certify that the Library is undertaking actions to be in compliance for the next funding year; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Library Trustees must certify that the Library is enforcing an internet safety policy that includes measures to block or filter internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions that are obscene or harmful to minors; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the Cleveland Public Library filed the FCC Form 470: Description of Services Requested and Certification Form as required for participation in the discount program. The posting of the FCC Form 470 begins the required 28-day competitive bidding process; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees authorizes Library management to pursue all possible discounts available through the School and Libraries Universal Service Discount Program and to establish funding requests by filing the FCC Form 471, including those in excess of \$25,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, to undertake actions in order to be in compliance with CIPA's requirements by June 30, 2022 and to execute agreements, subject to the approval of the Director of Legal Affairs, for Category Two Services, including those in excess of \$25,000, and the agreements executed will be presented for ratification by the Board of Library Trustees at their next regularly scheduled meeting.