

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

June 15, 2021

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO FUNDING FOR THE OHIO LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED (OLBPD)

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library began its first organized service to visually disabled patrons as early as 1903; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library was designated a regional library for the blind for northern Ohio counties under the Federal Pratt-Smoot Act of 1931, and under the direction of the Library of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library has provided excellent library service to blind and physically disabled residents needing specialized materials and equipment and where individual libraries cannot provide such services; and

WHEREAS, As of July 1, 2009, the State Library of Ohio mandated Cleveland Public Library's newly renamed Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled its agency to provide complete statewide services for blind and disabled residents who are eligible for the service and reside in any of the 88 Ohio counties; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 2021, the State Library Board approved agreement to pay the Cleveland Public Library for expenses for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to continue to administer statewide library services to blind and physically disabled residents in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,508,194.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees accepts the State Library of Ohio funding award of up to \$1,508,194.00 to be paid from the General State Revenue Fund, up to \$150,000.00 to be paid from FFY 2020 LSTA carryover funds and up to \$84,000.00 to be paid from FFY 2021 LSTA funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board, or the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State Library of Ohio for the funding, and to execute such other 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; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees expresses its appreciation to the State Library of Ohio.