

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Special Board Meeting**

July 21, 2022

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND (ECF) FUNDING  
COMMITMENTS FOR HOTSPOT SERVICE**

- WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act, which included the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) to provide \$7.17 billion to help schools and libraries provide the tools and services their communities need for remote learning during the COVID-19 emergency period; and
- WHEREAS, The ECF is administered by Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) with oversight from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); and
- WHEREAS, The ECF Program will reimburse schools and libraries 100% for the reasonable costs of eligible equipment and broadband connections used to help students, staff, and patrons who otherwise lack access to be able to engage in remote learning; and
- WHEREAS, These funds fall under the federal E-Rate program and Cleveland Public Library qualifies to apply for E-Rate and is therefore eligible to participate in the ECF Discount Program; and
- WHEREAS, the FCC opened a third application filing window that opened on April 28, 2022 and closed on May 13, 2022, for schools and libraries to request ECF Program support for eligible equipment and up to 12 months of service that will be received or delivered between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023 for use by library patrons with unmet needs; and
- WHEREAS, On May 12, 2022, the Cleveland Public Library filed an FCC Form 471 for Hotspot Service for 12 months of service between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023 for 1,150 hotspots in the amount of \$138,000; and
- WHEREAS, On June 30, 2022, the Library received an ECF Funding Commitment Decision Letter notifying the Library that the funding request for the Hotspot Service has been approved; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, The Board of Library Trustees accepts the Emergency Connectivity Fund Funding Commitment of \$138,000.