

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

October 19, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION
FOR DIGITAL NAVIGATORS**

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Foundation launched the Digital Excellence Initiative in 2017 to ensure all residents can successfully participate in the digital world and economy and to elevate Greater Cleveland's infrastructure, talent, and research prominence in digital technology and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library has participated in their Metro Wide Digital Navigators program since 2022 and was invited to apply for a new grant to continue this work that provides underserved residents with access to affordable broadband and offers tools and training necessary to reduce the digital divide; and

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Foundation has awarded the Cleveland Public Library a grant for \$50,000 dedicated to advancing the Digital Navigators services in our community. The CPL Digital Navigators play a crucial role as reliable mentors, aiding local residents in embracing the internet and effectively using digital devices. These services encompass continuous support for accessible digital education, internet connectivity, device procurement, technical proficiency, and application assistance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of Cleveland Public Library, pursuant to the authority set forth in R.C. §3375.40(K), hereby accepts a grant from The Cleveland Foundation, in the amount of \$50,000, to be deposited into the Founders Fund Account 203046-46100-20301 (Restricted Gifts), for the grant period from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, is authorized to enter into and execute such agreements and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate 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.