

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

September 15, 2015

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 June 9, 2015, the State Library of Ohio agreed to pay the Cleveland Public Library for expenses for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to continue to administer statewide library services to blind and physically disabled residents in an amount not to exceed \$1,508,194.00, conditional upon formal approval of the Board of Library Trustees in September, 2015; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees accepts the State Library of Ohio funding award of \$1,274,194.00 to be paid from the General State Revenue Fund and \$200,000.00 to be paid from FFY 2014 LSTA carryover funds and \$34,000.00 to be paid from FFY 2015 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 and execute such 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 Chief Legal Officer; and be it further

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