

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

February 13, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND/OR ESTABLISH FUNDING
REQUESTS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE
E-RATE FUNDING YEAR 2024: 7/1/2024 THROUGH 6/30/2025**

- 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
- WHEREAS, On January 22, 2024, the Cleveland Public Library filed an FCC Form 470: Description of Services Requested and Certification Form as required for participation in the discount program. The posting of an 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 \$75,000; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, to execute agreements, subject to the approval of the Director of Legal Affairs, for telecommunication services requested, including those in excess of \$75,000; to be charged to the object code 53210 (Telecommunications).