

RESOLUTION 2024-73

EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR \$105,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPONSORING A FARE-FREE ELECTION DAY ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the nation's citizens will be participating in democracy by voting in the 2024 General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") values the citizens of this region and desires to join regional efforts to facilitate access to the polls by providing affordable, safe, reliable, transportation on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Foundation has authorized a \$105,000 grant to the Authority to support a fare-free Election Day on November 5, 2024, thereby providing equitable access to polling locations, supporting democracy, and creating a special outreach opportunity for the Authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §306.35(R), the Authority may accept grants from private sources; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously accepted grants from the Cleveland Foundation and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History to cover the cost of fares, including a grant from the Cleveland Foundation in 2020 for a fare-free election day on November 3, 2020 which was approved by the Board of Trustees on October 27, 2020 in Resolution No. 2020-074; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Board of Trustees deems it in the best interest of the Authority to accept the grant of \$105,000 to cover the cost of a fare-free Election Day on November 5, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

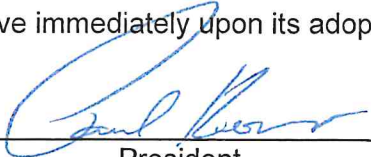
Section 1. That the Authority's Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to accept a \$105,000 grant from the Cleveland Foundation to sponsor a fare-free Election Day on November 5, 2024.

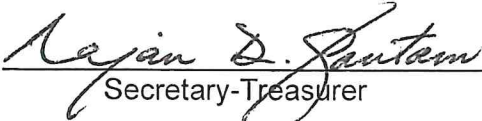
Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute any documents necessary to accept the grant.

Section 3. The Authority's Board of Trustees, General Manager, Chief Executive Officer, and staff express sincere thanks to the Cleveland Foundation.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: September 24, 2024

  
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President

Attest:   
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Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION:	Resolution No.: <b>2024-73</b>
CONTRACT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT	Date: September 19, 2024
VENDOR: THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION	Initiator: Administration & External Affairs
AMOUNT: \$105,000	
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This resolution authorizes the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to accept a grant in the amount of \$105,000 from the Cleveland Foundation for the purpose of sponsoring a fare-free Election Day on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

2.0 JUSTIFICATION: The Cleveland Foundation has selected the Authority to receive a grant of \$105,000 for the purpose of sponsoring a fare-free Election Day on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 to help promote greater voter participation on Election Day.

The Authority has previously accepted grants for fare-free days from the Cleveland Foundation and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. In October 2020, the Cleveland Foundation offered the Authority \$75,000 to sponsor a fare-free November 3, 2020 election day, and the Board of Trustees approved that grant in Resolution No. 2020-074 which was adopted on October 27, 2020. Likewise, in Resolution No. 2014-003, the Authority's Board of Trustees accepted a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Cleveland Foundation to sponsor a "ride free day" on January 16, 2014 to celebrate the Cleveland Foundation's 2014 centennial birthday. In 2019, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History granted the Authority \$75,000 to support a "free RTA day" on June 22, 2019. The Board of Trustees approved that grant in Resolution No. 2019-057.

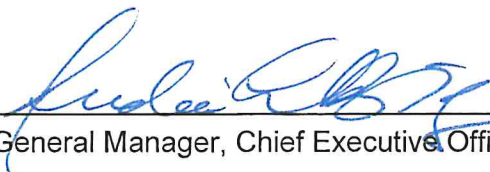
3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

5.0 POLICY IMPACT: The project is consistent with the Authority's efforts to promote ridership and public transportation in the region.

6.0 ATTACHMENTS: None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

  
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 General Manager, Chief Executive Officer