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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,000.00 TO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION TO PROVIDE GAP FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION OF THE HILLSIDE FAMILY SHELTER AND STAFFING FOR THEIR HOMELESS PREVENTION/ DIVERSION PROGRAM.

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WHEREAS, the City of New Haven through its Department of Community Resilience – Office of Housing and Homelessness seeks to provide safe shelter spaces for unhoused individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, the unhoused face unsafe and mentally challenging situations every day, often leading to fear, anxiety, depression, and hopelessness. These feelings have a negative impact on their psyche, their response to situations, their ability to obtain or maintain employment and for children, their ability to perform well at school: and,

WHEREAS, a safe, clean shelter with wraparound, client centered services is vital to stabilizing the unhoused, providing emotional support, reducing stress and anxiety; improving mood; and increasing productivity due to a better mental state: and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Homelessness believes a safe shelter services will provide much needed support to unhoused; and

WHEREAS, Christian Community Action Agency is non-profit organization that has been serving the disenfranchised in the City of New Haven for over 50 years by providing meals, shelter, prevention and diversion services as well as advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, Christian Community Action has agreed to provide 17 units of family shelter services with wraparound services to include housing case management, access to medical and behavioral care as well as financial literacy and access to employment training; and,

WHEREAS, Christian Community Action has also agreed to provide prevention and diversion services to households that are at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Homelessness is honored to partner with Christian Community Action for said services under a one-year contract in the amount of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven supports these services that benefit the unhoused in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizes the Office of Housing and Homelessness to enter into a one-year contract with Christian Community Action Agency in the amount of \$165,000.00 to provide emergency shelter for unhoused families and to provide prevention and diversion services to at risk families.