



CITY OF NEW HAVEN
*Department of
Community Resilience*

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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Honorable Walker-Myers,

The Department of Community Resilience requests approval to enter into a one- year contract with Upon This Rock Ministry (UTRM), a nonprofit agency.

This contract will allow for funds in the amount of \$500k to establish and operate a new emergency shelter for 65 males at their Shelter at 645 Grand Avenue in New Haven from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. UTRM will provide a safe place for men to stabilize and get back on their feet. This will be achieved through a series of wraparound services that includes housing case management, financial literacy sessions, employment training, with access to medical and behavioral health care.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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