

February 11, 2020

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

Dear President Walker-Myers:

Attached please find the proposed recommendations for the Consolidated Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the proposed goals for the new 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

The Annual Consolidated Action Plan includes proposed activities to be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). Recommendations adhere to the guidelines, objectives and procedures set forth in the City's local Citizen Participation Plan and the proposed Five-Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan for Program Years 2020 through 2024.

The overall goal of HUD's community planning and development programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environment and expanding services principally to low and moderate-income persons. The City's primary goal and mission when utilizing its' Consolidated Plan resources is to create a complete systematic revitalization of eligible neighborhoods in the City. This goal will be achieved through the creation of affordable housing opportunity, the support of new development and redevelopment, physical improvements, the provision of public facilities and services, and economic development.

The recommended Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Consolidated Action Plan and the proposed goals for the new 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan as established, continue to promote the following: neighborhood stability, programs for individuals to help achieve a better quality of life and support New Haven's long-range community development efforts. Programs and services in the Action Plan include providing affordable housing opportunities in a variety of manners, improving public facilities and public spaces, and creating safe neighborhoods. Recommendations also ensure the availability of needed public services and supportive programs for all residents, with priority given to support youth, special needs populations and the homeless. This also includes referrals to various resources, education, elderly services, health and wellness, and positive youth enrichment programming. Implementation of the proposed Plan will continue to address gaps in critically needed services as identified in the Five Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan.

As we proceed with the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan budget and the implementation of the new 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan, I look forward to your continued involvement in revitalizing our neighborhoods and supporting the success of our community and its residents.

Sincerely,

Justin Elicker
Mayor