



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN**  
*Department of  
Community Resilience*

*Office Housing & Homelessness*

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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 Liberty Community Services (LCS) in the amount of \$247k from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. More specifically this contract will allow for Prevention/ Diversion Services & Rental Readiness (\$130k). The balance of the funds (\$117k) would go towards the operation of the Next Step Resource Center Navigation Hub at 210 State Street as well as three (3) satellite locations at the Fair Haven Library, Wilson Library, and Stetson Library.

Through the prevention/ diversion services & Rental Readiness program, LCS will stabilize at risk families by providing eviction prevention through rental assistance, utility assistance as well as landlord mitigation and tenant education with financial literacy sessions. Through the navigation hubs LCS will provide basic needs services (showers, laundry, meals, and harm reduction) for unhoused individuals. In addition, LCS will provide employment training, with access to medical and behavioral health care.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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