

# CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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

**RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE COMPOSTING AND FOOD WASTE REDUCTION GRANT FROM US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PILOT STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING FOOD RESCUE AND FOOD SCRAP DIVERSION, AND TO ENTER INTO ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING AND CARRY OUT THE ASSOCIATED GRANT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.**

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers,

The City of New Haven (the “City”) is requesting to amend an Order previously adopted concerning the Order authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept the government-to-government grant award from the US Department of Agriculture (the “USDA”) to pilot strategies for increasing food rescue and food scrap diversion.

This Order (LM 2023-0354) was favorably recommended by the City Services and Environmental Policy Committee on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and approved by the Board of Alders at its meeting on September 5, 2023. The proposal submitted by the City has been selected to receive a grant award from the USDA with a two year period of performance. In order to receive the award from this multi-year grant program, the City must be authorized to approve multi-year agreements with the USDA and the partner organizations which will assist the City in carrying out the activities of the grant. The language of the Order previously adopted by the Board of Alders did not explicitly contain this authorization or authorization for the City to enter into an agreement with the USDA that may contain provisions indemnifying the federal government, which may be needed in the grant period.

The revised language of the Order contains corrected language which provides these authorizations, which will allow the City to accept the grant award from the USDA and carry out the associated activities in order to better serve our residents.

We respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable action on the attached amended Order authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept funding through the Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (475) 331-3769.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director