

Resolution of the New Haven Board of Alders authorizing the City of New Haven Free Public Library and the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for a grant from the State Library to implement an internet service lease contract, governed by the Commission for Education Technology (CEN), acting in accordance with the Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) to install dark fiber between four (4) satellite library branches that will connect to the main Library (Ives) 133 Elm St, New Haven: and

WHEREAS, further authorizes the Mayor of the City of New Haven to sign such 20-year lease; and

WHEREAS, term of the lease with CEN, is July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2040; and

WHEREAS, the 20-year lease will provide internet service through the statewide broadband network known as, Nutmeg Network, to and from the five (5) libraries; and

WHEREAS, the libraries being connected are, Courtland Wilson, Fair Haven, Stetson, Mitchell and Ives; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the fiber will be borne by the federal E-rate program and the State library, through a State Library grant, the cost to the City of New Haven is \$540 in the first year; and

WHEREAS, through our participation in this agreement with CEN and the State Library, we will save 100% of the cost in year one and 80-90% in years two through twenty (see attached costs); and

WHEREAS, at the end of this lease with CEN, the City will evaluate internet options at that time and continue to pursue the most cost advantageous option available to the City in 2040; and

WHEREAS: there is no required match from the City for this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven approve and support that the Mayor enter into these contracts with Connecticut Education Network (CEN), for a 20-year dark fiber IRU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Mayor Toni N. Harp be authorized to accept such funds if awarded by the E-rate Program and by the State Library to execute any required documents related to the submission, acceptance or management of this contract for a 20-year lease term.