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The Honorable Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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RE: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE URBAN ACTION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 TO PROMOTE THE REDEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE GOFFE STREET ARMORY

Dear President Walker-Myers:

The City of New Haven (the “City”) has engaged with the State of Connecticut’s Department of Economic and Community Development via the Urban Action Grant program, seeking funds of \$250,000 to support detailed planning for 12-18 months for the revitalization of the now-vacant Goffe Street Armory (“Armory”).

The Armory is a large building with over 155,000 square feet. The Armory has a rich history, having initially been built by the National Guard in 1930, evolving over time from an Army reserve asset to a hub for important community events. The Black Expo in 1972, amongst other significant events, was included in the Armory’s successful nomination in 2021 for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. However, the building has deteriorated since 2011, and as of 2018, was closed to the public.

The Armory Community Advisory Group has led a series of conversations about the renovation of the Armory, reimagining and outlining potential purposes and the City is extremely grateful for the partnership as we look forward to reopening a city treasure. The approval of the City’s Board of Alders to apply for and accept planning funds out of the Urban Action Grant program will allow the City to perform the necessary planning for the redevelopment and transformation of the Armory for a new era.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Piscitelli
Economic Development Administrator

cc – Barbara Montalvo, Office of the Mayor
attachments