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President Walker-Myers  
New Haven Board of Alders  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers,

I am writing to request unanimous consent that the Board of Alders of The City of New Haven authorize acceptance of 2024 annual regional Homeland Security Grant funds and to authorize the Mayor's signature on Memorandum of Agreement designating the East Shore District Health Department as administrator of these regional funds.

Since 2007, State Homeland Security funds have been allocated to the five DEMHS regions within the State. The East Shore District Health Department has been designated fiscal agent, this is an annual MOA required by the State for participation. The only change this year is that the East Shore District Health Department has replaced the former fiduciary which was Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. This annual MOA has consistently been approved by the Board of Alders.

New Haven would agree to allow East Shore District Health Department to serve as administrative agent for DEMHS Region 2 to provide financial and programmatic oversight of fiscal year 2024 Homeland Security funding in the amount of \$1,054,243.69 for the region.

The Steering Committee approves additional shared projects by the 30 Region 2 DEMHS municipalities in the amount of \$428,203.97 for planning, maintenance, equipment and training. Not in direct funding allocations.

Since there is no direct funding to the City of New Haven and therefore no matching amounts, New Haven benefits, as do all municipalities, from regional projects that benefit everyone. Moreover, as part of these projects the City may be designated as the custodian of regional assets such as bomb squad equipment, variable message boards and other shared equipment providing us with great access to these valuable assets at no cost.

Sincerely,

Kayla Bland  
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