

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: [ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS](#) approving the City of New Haven’s FY 2026-2027 annual action plan, statement of activities, and use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal financial assistance for planning and community development activities under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383); the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (PL 101-625); the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000, as amended (PL 106-400); the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009; and the aids housing Opportunity act (PL 102-550); hereafter referred to as “Housing and Community Development Program Acts,” and for activities to be funded by program income and/or reprogramming funds from prior grant years

Submitted by: Mayor, Justin Elicker

REPORT: 1682-15

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Management and Budget has submitted to the BOA for their review and approval the Annual Consolidated Action Plan, which includes proposed activities to be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). Recommendations adhere to the guidelines, objectives and procedures set forth in the City’s local Citizen Participation Plan and the approved Five-Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan for Program Years 2025 through 2029. The City anticipates overall funding of \$6,699,693 for the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs for FY 2026-2027.

The overall goal of HUD's community planning and development programs are to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environment and expanding services principally to low and moderate-income persons. The City's primary goal and mission when utilizing its' Consolidated Plan resources is to create a complete systematic revitalization of eligible neighborhoods in the City. This goal will be achieved through the creation of affordable housing opportunity, the support of new development and redevelopment, physical improvements, the provision of public facilities and services, and economic development.

Programs and services in the FY2026-2027 Action Plan include providing affordable housing opportunities in a variety of manners, improving public facilities and public spaces, creating safe neighborhoods, creating jobs and assisting new and existing businesses.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

[Vision 2034](#), **New Haven’s Comprehensive Plan**, includes the following goals and strategies:

Great Places to Live

Goal 1: Increase the number of deeply affordable housing units

- Strategy 1.3: Expand funding streams available to the City and partners for affordable housing including the Affordable Housing Fund

Goal 2: Increase housing supply

- Strategy 2.6: Support collaboration and partnerships between organizations that provide housing and neighborhood resources.

Goal 8: Improve the quality of existing housing

Economic Opportunity for All

Goal 3: Promote inclusive commercial development & economic activity in strategic locations that align with neighborhood goals

- Strategy 3.8: Work with local partners and industry leaders to encourage and assist businesses and industries to locate in New Haven.

Goal 4: Make neighborhood commercial centers stronger and more vibrant

- Strategy 4.1: Continue to implement public infrastructure improvements in neighborhood commercial districts and corridors.

Goal 6: Expand entrepreneurship and small business opportunities

- Strategy 6.2: Work with local centers, institutions, and community-based organizations to expand start up and entrepreneurial development services.

The funding request for CDBG funding this year includes a request for \$122,083 for one staff position in the City Plan Department. This staff person works with Departmental staff across the city to ensure compliance and maintain the required HUD Environmental Review record for all City of New Haven programs described above.

ADVICE

Authorization of this Order aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan goals. Recommend approval.

ADOPTED: May 20, 2026
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department