

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Connecticut State Department of Environmental and Energy Protection: State Urban Green and Community Grants Program

New Haven Chief Administrators Office

February 12, 2024

Funding request: \$70,000

The New Haven Chief Administrators Office seeks authorization to accept funding from the State's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. The awarded funds are specifically part of the State Urban Green and Community Grants Program (UGCG-24).

Because the State is only authorized to grant these funds to a municipality, the City of New Haven is being asked to enter into an agreement with the State to accept the funds on behalf of Gather New Haven, Inc. Therefore, the Board of Alders is being requested to authorize the Mayor to accept the funds and execute whatever additional paperwork may be required by State of CT, DEEP to implement this pass-through grant for Gather New Haven, Inc and to update its prior approval to be consistent with the 12 month approval timeframe.

The funds will to be used by Co-sponsor Gather New Haven, Inc. to:

- improve community gardens they manage pursuant to a lease agreement with the City of New Haven.
- to improve nature preserves they own and manage in the City of New Haven.