

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORD ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Approving the City of New Haven's 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan Statement of Activities and Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds to be submitted to the 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 Transportation 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: Justin Elicker, Mayor, City of New Haven

REPORT: 1666-10

ADVICE: Approve.

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development: 2025-2029 is both a plan and strategy for addressing housing and non-housing community development needs with federal Consolidated Plan funding. The plan was developed in accordance with 24CFR Part 91. The City receives four (4) grants on an annual entitlement basis through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grants include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The grant programs are designed to principally benefit very low, low, and moderate-income persons and individuals with special housing needs. HOPWA is a regional grant awarded through the City to benefit the New Haven Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). The overall goal of HUD's community planning and development programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons. This goal will be achieved through the support of new development and redevelopment, expansion of housing opportunity, provision of infrastructure and public facility improvements, and the delivery and support of public services, workforce development and economic growth.

The City's Consolidated Plan includes descriptions of the City's housing and community development needs; a strategy and plan which includes goals, priorities and activities to meet projected needs over a five-year period; and a one-year action plan which describes the City's projected use of funds for the upcoming program year covering the July 1 to June 30 time period. The City will prepare a new Action Plan every year to describe programs and activities to be funded with its CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG appropriations.

The City will submit a funding request for \$6,632,160 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2025-2026 funding year to promote the following: neighborhood stability, programs for individuals to help achieve a better quality of life and support New Haven's long-range community development efforts. Programs and services in the 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. Recommendations also ensure the availability of needed public services and supportive programs for all residents, with priority given to support youth, special needs and at-risk populations and unhoused. This also includes referrals to various resources, education, elderly services, health and wellness, and positive youth enrichment programming. The materials outline the uses of funds as follows: Personnel (salary): \$2,474,896; Personnel (Worker's Comp): \$15,753; Personnel (Med. Benefit) \$1,008,825; Non-Personnel (total): \$2,037,743; Non-Personnel (M & U): \$86,118.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan are in alignment with the following recommendations of Vision 2025, the City's Comprehensive Plan:

- Promote diverse housing stock suitable for people of all ages and incomes;
- Improve housing affordability;
- Enhance the quality of the housing stock;
- Secure additional funding through state- and federally-operated financial programs aiming at moderate-income (workforce) households
- Encourage enhanced before and after school care programming and programming of other community-based facilities and provide vocational training opportunities for local youth to further promote community building and economic development;
- Grow public spaces by repairing deteriorated infrastructure such as bulkheads; parking lots; roadways; irrigation systems; tennis, basketball, and bocce courts; splash pads; and other support amenities;
- Prioritize public health and safety in planning decisions.

ADVICE

Recommend approval.

ADOPTED: May 21, 2025
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department