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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant Name: Choice Neighborhoods Implementation

Department: Economic Development

Date: January 13, 2026

Funding Request: Up to **\$26,000,000**

The Housing Authority of New Haven/Elm City Communities ("ECC") previously received a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant to develop a comprehensive Transformation Plan for the redevelopment of the former Church Street South properties (the "Site"). Working collaboratively with the City of New Haven ("City") and neighborhood stakeholders, ECC has finalized this plan to guide revitalization efforts.

The Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant (CNI Grant) provides critical funding to:

- Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality, mixed-income housing.
- Improve outcomes for residents in areas such as education, employment, and health.
- Create conditions that foster public safety, quality education, and economic opportunity.

The City and surrounding neighborhoods face significant challenges, including aging public housing stock, escalating construction costs, and growing demand for safe, affordable housing. HUD's competitive CNI Grant program offers an opportunity to address these challenges by implementing the initial phase of the Transformation Plan.

ECC will serve as Lead Applicant, with the City of New Haven as Co-Applicant, in a strategic partnership to pursue this funding. Together, they aim to transform the Site and surrounding community into a vibrant, sustainable neighborhood that promotes equity and opportunity. ECC will also act as the fiscal agent for this grant, ensuring proper financial management and compliance with HUD requirements.