

# CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church St  
New Haven, CT 06510

**RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE GRANT AWARD FROM UNITED ILLUMINATING AND SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT GAS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND TO CARRY OUT ASSOCIATED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.**

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers,

The City of New Haven, in partnership with Community Action Agency of New Haven (CAANH), New England Smart Energy (NESE), and Operation Fuel, is requesting authorization to apply for and accept funding from the United Illuminating Community Partnership Initiative Program grant program.

The grant would fund an outreach campaign to increase enrollment in Connecticut's Home Energy Solutions energy efficiency improvement program. Home Energy Solutions begins with an energy audit, air sealing, and weatherization, after which participants may be eligible for subsidized deep efficiency improvements such as insulation and window upgrades. Once efficiency improvements have been implemented, residents are well-positioned to benefit from the installation of high-efficiency electric heat pumps, which can both heat the home in the winter and cool the home in the summer.

Special focus will be placed on reaching residents who have received heating assistance through partners CAANH and Operation Fuel and on reaching those residing in New Haven's environmental justice census tracts. The campaign plans to reach residents through mailings, outreach through energy assistance case managers at CAANH and Operation Fuel, and tabling at locations in environmental justice census tracts where residents visit regularly. Residential energy efficiency referrals will be made to the City's energy efficiency program, Energy Efficient Elm City,

run in partnership with NESE, which provides low and no cost energy-saving home improvements to New Haven residents.

We respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable action on the attached Order authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept funding through the Community Partnership Initiative program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (475) 331-3769.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Winter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven Winter

Executive Director