

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATION TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD: September 2023 - September 2028

PROGRAM NAME: Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act
(x) **NEW** () **CONTINUATION**
(Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: up to \$6,000,000 over five years

FUNDING SOURCE: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Inflation Reduction Act Grants Program

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: Inflation Reduction Action of 2022, Public Law No: 117-169. Subtitle D, Sec. 23003 (a). State and Private Forestry Conservation Programs, (2) Urban and Community Forestry (2022-2031) to provide multiyear, programmatic, competitive grants for tree planting and related activities, with a priority for projects that benefit underserved populations and areas through the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance program established under section 9(c) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act Of 1978 (16U.S.C.2105(c)) To advance the mission of Justice40, proposals that deliver 40% of the benefits of IRA investments through established partnerships with local organizations working to support disadvantaged communities experiencing low tree canopy and environmental justice will receive priority consideration.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL:

The Food System Policy Division is applying for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service to continue to partner with community members and organizations to implement a series of plans and activities that will create an enabling environment for urban agriculture, reduce barriers to entry and sustainability, and in which all residents will equitably benefit from the positive environmental, health, and socioeconomic outcomes of green and growing spaces. The activities will revolve around ensuring that City policy and zoning proactively supports urban agriculture, in alignment with community needs.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): N/A

ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: Per City policy, indirect costs are allowed up to either an approved rate, or, if there is no approved rate, the de minimis 10% indirect is allowed.

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION: Food System Policy Division

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