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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE MARKET BUILDING GRANT AWARD FROM ICLEI – LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE COALITION FOR GREEN CAPITAL TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ACCELERATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL FOR CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS AND TO CARRY OUT ASSOCIATED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

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WHEREAS, investments in clean energy generate a host of benefits, including job creation, lowered energy costs, and improvements in residents' quality of life;

WHEREAS, no landscape analysis and inventory of all ongoing clean energy projects and investments in New Haven currently exists;

WHEREAS, the New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability recognizes the need to increase community awareness of and access to available incentives and programs for financing and deploying clean energy projects;

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Green Bank works to accelerate the green economy by using limited public dollars to attract private capital investment in renewable energy, environmental infrastructure, climate adaptation and resilience, land conservation, parks and recreation, agriculture, water, waste, and recycling, and environmental markets;

WHEREAS, the Center for Inclusive Growth has initiated a comprehensive process to identify needs and investments in New Haven through open dialogues and forums in 2025;

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven has, in partnership with the CT Green Bank, the Center for Inclusive Growth, the Yale Center for Business and the Environment, and the Kresge Foundation, applied for funding from ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and the Coalition for Green Capital;

WHEREAS, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and the Coalition for Green Capital have issued a request for proposals, entitled the Municipal Investment Fund, intended to offer market-building funding and technical support to help communities to develop public-private partnership plans that can accelerate the deployment of capital to clean energy projects, with key objectives including reaching residents of Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities as defined by the White House Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, a definition which applies to a majority of New Haven census tracts; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Investment Fund Grant Program requires municipalities to partner with a not-for-profit organization, preferably a local or state Green Bank.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven that the Mayor, on behalf of the City is authorized to apply for and accept any funds associated with the grant mentioned herein from ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and the Coalition for Green Capital.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the Mayor is authorized to execute said application for funding for an amount up to \$250,000 and to execute any revisions, amendments or modifications to said contract and to sign any associated agreements with contractors and other documents, any of which may have a term of longer than one year, that the Mayor deems desirable or necessary, including any subsequent amendments to agreements, in order to accept grant funding and carry out the associated grant program activities.