



May 14, 2024

Dear Honorable Board of Alders,

New Haven Youth Soccer's (NHYS) Board of Directors respectfully submits this letter in support of our decades' long partnership with the City and our combined commitment to the youth of New Haven.

Last year, NHYS, for the first time in several years, was able to successfully offer programming for players, ages 4-19 in every season (including summer and winter). This was accomplished through active participation with several New Haven offices and departments and schools. NHYS is working hard to make soccer logistically and financially feasible for all families in New Haven. We will continue to work to facilitate programming throughout the city.

New Haven is a grandiose community largely determined by where we live, work and play. For our community to thrive, we need to have an opportunity for the children to have an outlet for inclusion, mentoring and self-awareness. Thanks to the CDBG Grant we were able to offer financial assistance to 137 New Haven families, with awards ranging from \$25.00-\$250.00 per player for the children to have an opportunity to play soccer. We sincerely appreciate the in person, verbal and financial support provided by the Board of Alders and hope to continue to receive support to help us provide a place for our children. As noted in the past, our CDBG monies are prioritized to families with average reported income of under \$35,000.00, with every player who received any sort of subsidized registration in a combined income family of less than \$60,000.

Our previous award was received with such overwhelming success that NHYS conducted in-person registration sessions throughout the summer and awarded all of our financial aid before the beginning of our fall season. These in-person, bi-lingual sessions guided parents/guardians through the fully on-line computer registration system. NHYS was also able to recruit and secure coaches of choice, and order team uniforms well before the season started, since funding was secured.

Your continued partnership will help provide us with the infrastructure to help our children live, learn and grow. On behalf of the kids, we thank you for your leadership and support to the youth of New Haven.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [admin@nhys.soccer](mailto:admin@nhys.soccer) or call 203-675-0196.

Sincerely,

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