



## COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



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Mayor

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Administrator

June 12, 2023

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President  
New Haven Board of Alders  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

**Re: \$1.6 million ARPA Fund Contract with Hope for New Haven / CERCLE, Inc. for Early Childhood Recovery & Innovation Project – Workforce Development Sub-Grant Program**

Dear President Walker-Myers,

The Community Services Administration, under context of the City of New Haven's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), seeks the honorable Board of Alders approval enter into a multi-year, \$1.6 million agreement with Hope for New Haven / CERCLE, Inc. the selected vendor of the City issued Request for Proposal #2022-12-15 Early Childhood Recovery & Innovation Project to administer a Workforce Development Sub-Grant Program for existing childcare providers of New Haven.

Over the course of the contract, Hope for New Haven / CERCLE, Inc. will develop, promote and administer a grant making program intended to fortify existing New Haven providers of early education / childcare, a service sector negatively impacted and left severely challenged in meeting demands of the community for professionally certified childcare providers.

Pursued goals of this three year agreement would include: develop and/or deliver early childhood apprenticeship programs; secure funding to recruit, hire and train new staff; provide and/or deliver Early Childhood Education (ECE) credit cohorts designed to help staff meet qualified staff member (QSM) requirements; support attendance at ECE conferences; provide and/or deliver professional development designed to meet the CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC), National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) and/or National Accreditation for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) training requirements; in addition to other areas of technical assistance that will expand current workforce professionals thusly assisting working families of New Haven to be able to work.

As is the case with all areas of ARPA federal funding, we are required to commitment the utilization of all funding as laid out under the City's already Board of Alders approved ARPA plan by December 2026. To allow as much time as possible for successful outcomes under this project, I would ask to gain the full Board of Alders Unanimous Consent.

I am available for any questions you might have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Mehul Dalal, M.D.

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