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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FFY23 FOR FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,768.00 WITH A 10% CONTRIBUTION OF \$29,615.28 FOR A FEDERAL AMOUNT OF \$296,152.72 TO REPLACE THE EXHAUST SYSTEM IN THE ENGINE BAYS AT EACH OF OUR CITY'S FIRE STATIONS, AND PERMISSION TO APPLY AND ACCEPT, EXECUTE AND IF NECESSARY, MODIFY ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND SUCH INSTRUMENTS AS DEEMED NECESSARY

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WHEREAS, the City of New Haven through its Department of Fire Services is responsible for containing and extinguishing fires for the 20 square miles boundaries of the City of New Haven; and,

WHEREAS, The FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) offers funds and other resources to communities to aid local departments in fire prevention and response; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is requesting funds from FEMA to replace the hoses, rails, and all components of the exhaust system in the engine bays at each of our city's fire stations to prevent firefighters from inhaling potential harmful fumes and exhaust from the engines; and,

WHEREAS, This funding provides framework and reimbursement for activities necessary for the preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery missions required for the City Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is seeking alternative methods of funding and partnerships to alleviate the burden of the taxpayer; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven supports efforts to provide and enhance public safety for its firefighters and its community by ensuring that necessary and up to date equipment is put in use whenever possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizes the Mayor to accept the award, and to sign all documents and contracts as needed by the FEMA/ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT.