

October 27, 2025

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

Dear President Walker-Myers:

**Re:** Approval Request – Community WiFi Grant for IT Department

I respectfully submit for your review and approval a grant request from Connecticut Education Network Broadband Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$131,000 to support the New Haven City Green Wi-fi Project.

**Purpose of the Grant:**

This funding will be used to expand and enhance community WiFi access across key areas of the city. The initiative aims to bridge the digital divide by providing reliable internet access, supporting remote learning, workforce development, and access to essential online services.

**Use of Funds:**

The \$131,000 will be allocated toward:

- Infrastructure upgrades and equipment installation
- Network expansion in public spaces and community centers
- Ongoing maintenance and support services

**Impact:**

This investment will directly benefit residents with reliable internet access. It aligns with the City's broader goals of digital equity and inclusion and supports our commitment to ensuring all residents can participate fully in the digital economy.

**Urgency:**

Given the immediate need for expanded internet access and the availability of grant funding, we request unanimous consent to proceed with implementation as soon as possible. The deadline to accept the grant is Friday, October 31, 2025.

Please let me know if you need any additional documentation. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Michael Simeone  
Chief Technology Officer  
City of New Haven