

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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

Re: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE NEW HAVEN HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT VOUCHER FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF 1,956,240 TO CONDUCT EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN RESPONSE TO CHILDREN FOUND TO HAVE VENOUS BLOOD LEAD LEVELS OF 5 MICROGRAMS PER DECILITER OR GREATER IN THE CITY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2023, TO DECEMBER 31, 2026.

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker:

In the interest of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the New Haven Health Department Division of Environment Health is requesting that the Mayor be authorized to accept a \$1,956,240 voucher allocation from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

The voucher will provide needed resources to conduct epidemiological investigations in response to children found to have venous blood lead level of five micrograms per deciliter or greater. The epidemiological investigation is conducted by City of New Haven, Health Department's certified lead inspectors/risk assessors. The City of New Haven receives information by way of Maven Lead Surveillance System and is required by state statute to perform an epidemiological investigation of the homes where children have been reported to have an elevated blood lead level.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 946-6999.

Respectfully submitted,

Maritza Bond, MPH

Director of Health

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