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Special Event Application

Application Number: SE-25-00410

Date: 11/24/2025

Applicant: Abby Hennessy
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Location: 80 Central Ave, New Haven, CT 06515, USA

Application Type: Bicycling Event

Description of Work:

The Closer To Free Ride is a charity cycling event that benefits Smilow Cancer Hospital and YaleNew Haven Health. The event will follow the same routes as 2025 with a start and finish line at the Yale Bowl. We are moving from our traditional second Saturday in September for 2026 due to the Jewish holidays schedule. The 2026 event will once again have a packet pickup at the Yale Bowl on Friday September 18, 2026 before event day on Saturday September 19, 2026.

Application Event Details:

Event Address	81 Central Ave, New Haven, C.T. 06515
Nearest Cross Street	Cleveland
Event Name	Closer to Free Ride
Event Date	09/19/2026 04:00:00
Event End Time	6:00 PM
Est Attendance	2500
Event Start Time	7:00 AM
Break Down Time	6:00 PM
Set Up Time	4:00 AM

Event Logistics:

Will this event take place on a street	Yes
Will this event take place on a sidewalk	No
Will this event require a street closure	Yes
Will this event require a rolling closure	Yes
Will your event be serving food	Yes
Will food be cooked on site during event	Yes
Will food be provided by Food Trucks or Food Carts	Yes
Will the event be Catered	Yes
Will there be any food or merchandise sold during this event	Yes

Event Logistics Cont:

Will the event begin or end at a City of New Haven Park	No
Will the event have a tent larger than 400 sq ft	Yes
If yes to start or end at a park, which park	
Will the event involve music through amplified speakers	Yes
Will the event require the use of generators or electrical supply	Yes
Will Port-o-lets be provided	No
Indicate the number of Port-o-lets and the company that will be providing these services	