



CITY OF NEW HAVEN

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



Justin Elicker
Mayor

July 23, 2026

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

RE: LM-2026-0217: Order of the Board of Alders Authorizing the City of New Haven (Mayor, Controller, or Budget Director) to enter into an agreement with Continuum of Care, Inc. in an amount not to exceed six hundred and seventy thousand dollars and zero cents (\$670,000.00) from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to operate the Elm City COMPASS Community Responder Program, including Three (3) options to renew the contract, contingent upon funding availability.

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers,

The Department of Community Resilience requests an **amendment** to LM-2026-0217 previously passed on June 1, 2026. Based on information recently provided by the state, we now understand that the state funding allocated for Elm City COMPASS will be awarded to the City of New Haven, which will then distribute the funds through its agreement with Continuum of Care, Inc. The Board of Alders previously passed an order on to enter into an agreement with Continuum of Care (Order: LM-2026-0217) for a total of \$670,000.00 to continue Elm City COMPASS operations. The amount of \$670,000 for the original approval was based on the understanding at the time that the state was intending to provide the funds directly to Continuum of Care, Inc.

This amendment request is to accept state funding totalling \$600,000.00 and amend the COMPASS contract with Continuum of Care, Inc from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 for a total of no more than \$1,270,000.00. The \$600,000.00 of state funding will cover the difference in contract amounts.

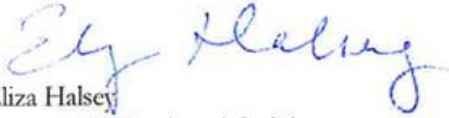
As you are aware, Elm City COMPASS is a comprehensive, community-based initiative to build a system of sustainable supports for individuals in New Haven experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis and was first launched in November 2022. The community responder team is integral to our crisis response system in New Haven and so continued funding at current staffing levels is critical to the future sustainability of the overall program. The team operates 7 days a week from 8 AM – 3 AM. Comprehensive information about the team is available at www.elmcitycompass.org.

This matter is time-sensitive and respectfully requires prompt consideration. As mentioned, we only recently received information from the state that funds will be awarded to the City of New Haven and then disbursed to Continuum of Care. We look forward to providing more details to you and your colleagues and thank you for your consideration. If you require any additional information, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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Sincerely,


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