

Office Housing & Homelessness

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

Dear Honorable Walker-Myers,

The Department of Community Resilience requests approval to enter into a one- year contract with Christian Community Action Agency (CCA) in the amount of \$165k from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. More specifically this contract will allow for gap funding for emergency shelter services (\$100k) and for diversion services for families at risk of homelessness (\$65k).

Through the Hillside Family Shelter CCA will provide a safe place for 17 families to stabilize and get back on their feet. This will be achieved through a series of wraparound services that includes housing case management, financial literacy sessions, employment training, with access to medical and behavioral health care. In addition, the diversion services will assist at risk families with fuel and utility assistance, and eviction prevention through rental assistance.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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