

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GRANT NAME: IKEA Donation and release Agreement

DEPARTMENT : Operations / Facilities Dept. NHPS

DATE : 12/5/2024

Funding request: Non financial donation, from October 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

New Haven Public Schools (NHPS) has secured a donation from IKEA consisting of recycling bins valued at \$3,447.60. This contribution supports the district's commitment to sustainability and waste reduction efforts by providing essential materials to enhance recycling practices in schools.

The initiative aligns with NHPS's broader sustainability goals, promoting environmental stewardship among students and staff while fostering a culture of responsibility for the planet. The donation will address the following needs:

- **Improve Recycling infrastructure**
The recycling bins will make recycling a more accessible and convenient option for students and staff, encouraging active participation in waste reduction.
- **Support for District Initiatives**
By integrating these materials into daily operations, the district can further educate students about the importance of sustainability and environmental responsibility. The recycling bins directly support NHPS's sustainability goals and the City's larger environmental objectives.

The donated materials will be distributed to schools our schools across the district and ensure maximum impact on improving recycling practices and reducing waste.

This donation was secured as part of a collaborative effort between the City of New Haven Executive Director of Climate and Sustainability and NHPS's Energy and Sustainability Manager. Given the limited resources available for new sustainability initiatives, the IKEA donation provides:

- A cost-effective solution to expand recycling infrastructure without straining district budget.
- Resources to advance sustainability goals and demonstrate leadership in environmental responsibility.
- An opportunity to reinforce the partnership between the district and the City of New Haven in achieving shared environmental objectives.

The IKEA donation allows NHPS to enhance recycling efforts, promote sustainability education, and align with the city's climate goals. Approval of this donation by the Board of Aldermen is necessary to finalize the acceptance of these materials and move forward with their implementation.