



COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



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Mayor

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

Re: \$500,000 ARPA Fund Contract with the United Way of Greater New Haven (UWGNH) for Early Childhood Recovery & Innovation Project – Consultant in development of an Early Childhood Education strategic plan.

Dear President Walker-Myers,

The Community Services Administration, under context of the City of New Haven's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), seeks the honorable Board of Alders approval to enter into a multi-year, \$500,000 agreement with the UWGNH, the selected vendor of the City issued Request for Proposal #2022-12-15 Early Childhood Recovery & Innovation Project to act as consultant to the city.

Through this project, the United Way of Greater New Haven (UWGNH) "will lead an inclusive planning process to build an inspiring yet practical plan for moving toward the goal of creating a robust and sustainable early childcare system in New Haven. This planning process will build on the data and information already available about the assets and needs of early childhood education in New Haven, while also collecting and centering the voice of families with young children with a focus on ensuring equity within the plan's strategies. The intention is to develop a plan that allows for community input and buy-in and that focuses on meeting the needs of vulnerable and underserved families with young children". . . making certain that New Haven's capacity and stock of quality early childhood childcare / educational opportunities are robust and on par with future needs of the community.

As is the case with all areas of ARPA federal funding, we are required to utilize these funds by December 31, 2026. Having this contract in place as soon as we are able assures enough time will be committed to the process in developing a well devised, quality plan. I would seek gaining the full Board of Alders Unanimous Consent.

I am available for any questions you might have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Mehul Dalal, M.D.

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