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# CITY OF NEW HAVEN

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



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

The Department of Community Resilience seeks approval to execute a six-month, non-cost contract extension with the University of New Haven. The University of New Haven is currently conducting a formative and process evaluation of the Violence Reduction Program for Reintegration, Engagement, Safety, and Support (PRESS). Due to unforeseen delays, they require additional time to complete this evaluation. The existing contract with the University of New Haven (Contract #2023-CON-028) is valued at \$15,500, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The non-cost contract amendment would end on December 31, 2024 if approved by the Board of Alders.

Given the systemic changes and challenges brought about by the PRESS program, the New Haven Department of Community Resilience recognizes the need for a comprehensive formative and process evaluation of this significant initiative. This qualitative study aims to document the transformative process, identify the successes and challenges encountered by staff implementing PRESS, and gather client perceptions of their engagement with the services.

Due to our timeline, and to ensure the contract doesn't expire, we are seeking Board of Alders Unanimous Consent to approve this item on the July 1, 2024 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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