

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church St
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**RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO
APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE
GRANT AWARD FROM UNITED ILLUMINATING TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION
IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.**

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers,

The City of New Haven, in partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services, is requesting authorization to apply for and accept funding from the United Illuminating Community Partnership Initiative Program grant program.

The grant would fund an outreach campaign to increase enrollment in Connecticut's Home Energy Solutions energy efficiency improvement program. Home Energy Solutions begins with an energy audit, air sealing, and weatherization, after which participants may be eligible for subsidized deep efficiency improvements such as insulation and window upgrades. Once efficiency improvements have been implemented, residents are well-positioned to benefit from the installation of high-efficiency electric heat pumps, which can both heat the home in the winter and cool the home in the summer.

Special focus will be placed on reaching residents in DEEP-designated environmental justice census tracts in West Rock/West Hills, Newhallville, Dixwell, the Hill, Fair Haven, and the Annex neighborhoods. The campaign plans to reach residents through participation in neighborhood events and meetings, public advertising and announcements, door-to-door canvassing, outreach to faith-based organizations, and referrals from activities of City departments such as the Fair Rent Commission and Health Department programs related to housing. Residential energy efficiency referrals will be made to NHS' I Heart My Home energy concierge program, which guides residents through maximizing their benefits in the Home Energy Solutions program.

We respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable actin on the attached Order authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept funding through the Community Partnership Initiative program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (203) 946-8582.

Respectfully submitted,

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