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Date Submitted: March 27th, 2023

Meeting Submitted For: April 3rd, 2023

Regular or Suspension Agenda: Regular

Submitted By: Steven Winter

Title of Legislation:

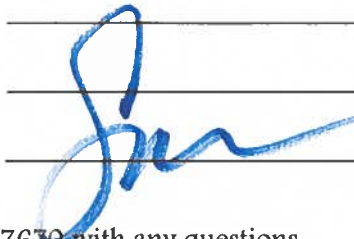
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT GRANT AWARD FROM US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ELECTRIFY THE HOMES OF ENERGY-BURDENED RESIDENTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND REDUCE ENERGY BILLS.

Comments: Legistar File ID: LM-2023-0213

Coordinator's Signature: _____

Controller's Signature (if grant): _____

Mayor's Office Signature: _____



Call (203) 946-7670 with any questions.
bmontalvo@newhavenct.gov

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

Justin Elicker, Mayor

OFFICE OF CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY

165 Church St, 2nd Floor

New Haven, CT 06510

Phone: (203) 946-8582

March 27th, 2023

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

RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT GRANT AWARD FROM US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ELECTRIFY THE HOMES OF ENERGY-BURDENED RESIDENTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND REDUCE ENERGY BILLS.

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers,

The City of New Haven is requesting authorization to apply for and accept funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program.

The grant would fund an initiative by the City of New Haven and one or more community-based organizations to enroll energy-burdened New Haven residents in a new program aimed at the electrification of aging heating and cooking systems. These systems are often costly, inefficient, and can exacerbate health conditions related to indoor air quality, such as asthma. They are also significant contributors to the air pollution that causes climate change. Replacing these systems with new high efficiency electric appliances such as heat pumps and induction stoves can reduce energy bills, improve public health, and reduce climate pollution.

The Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) anticipates working with one or more community-based organizations that have experience connecting residents with utility assistance in order to identify low- and moderate-income residents with aging heating and cooking systems. 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. OCS plans to work with these organizations to inform and engage residents about the benefits of new high efficiency electric appliances and enroll them in the new electrification program. The organization or organizations will be selected through the City's competitive procurement process.

Once enrolled, OCS plans to work with another community-based organization or electrification service provider to design, identify funding and financing for, and implement electrification improvements. This organization will scope out energy efficiency and electrification improvements and work with energy-burdened residents to maximize the benefits available to them, with the objective of shifting residents to a fully-electrified home. Grant funds will be reserved to assist residents with some of the cost of electrification improvements and the removal of remediation barriers to energy efficiency, such as mold and asbestos.

We respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable action on the attached Order authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept funding through the Government-to-Government 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,

Steven Winter

Executive Director

..TITLE

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT GRANT AWARD FROM US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ELECTRIFY THE HOMES OF ENERGY-BURDENED RESIDENTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND REDUCE ENERGY BILLS.

..BODY

WHEREAS, studies estimate that one in six families nationally owe utility arrearages of \$791 on average and home heating prices are at the highest level in ten years, leading to the highest increase in households seeking utility assistance since 2009;

WHEREAS, research shows that utility debt is the most common form of debt among New Haven households;

WHEREAS, aging heating and cooking systems are often costly and inefficient, and can exacerbate health conditions related to indoor air quality, such as asthma

WHEREAS, the New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability recognizes that healthy homes remediation, energy efficiency, and electrification improvements in residential buildings present critical opportunities for improving public health, lowering utility bills, and increasing resiliency;

WHEREAS, the New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability recognizes that healthy homes remediation, home energy efficiency and electrification improvements lowers the overall greenhouse gas emissions of the city's residential building sector;

WHEREAS, the New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability seeks to build partnerships with community-based organizations in New Haven that have a long history of energy assistance work in low-income neighborhoods and have built deep relationships with those residents;

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven will apply for funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency; and upon receipt of such grant, the City will accept said grant in its entirety;

WHEREAS, the US Environmental Protection Agency has issued a request for proposals, entitled Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program, intended to attain measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDERED by Board of Alders of the City of New Haven that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is authorized to apply for and accept the grant mentioned herein from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to execute said application for funding for an amount of \$1,000,000 and to execute any revisions, amendments or modifications to said contract.

PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM

NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS

TO (list applicable alders of):

ALL

WARD # **ALL**

DATE: **March 27, 2023**

FROM: Department/Office
Person

Office of Climate and Sustainability
Steven Winter

Telephone 203-946-8582

This is to inform you that the following matter affecting your ward(s) will be submitted to the Board of Alders in the near future:

Title of the Legislation

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Check one if this an appointment to a commission

☐ Democrat

☐ Republican

☐ Unaffiliated/Independent/Other _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENTS

1. Departments are responsible for sending this form to the alder(s) affected by the item.
2. This form must be sent (or delivered) directly to the alder(s) **before** it is submitted to the Legislative Services Office for the Board of Alders agenda.
3. The date entry must be completed with the date this form was sent the alder(s).
4. Copies to: alder(s); sponsoring department; attached to submission to Board of Alders.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DATE: March 27, 2023
FROM (Dept.): Office of Climate and Sustainability
CONTACT: Steven Winter, Executive Director **PHONE** (203) 946-8582

SUBMISSION ITEM (Title of Legislation):

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List Cost: Describe in as much detail as possible both personnel and non-personnel costs; general, capital or special funds; and source of funds currently budgeted for this purpose.

				CAPITAL/LINE ITEM/DEPT/ACT/OBJ CODE
	GENERAL	SPECIAL	BOND	
A. Personnel	N/A			
1. Initial start up				
2. One-time				
3. Annual				
B. Non-personnel	N/A			
1. Initial start up				
2. One-time				
3. Annual			\$333,333	

List Revenues: Will this item result in any revenues for the City? If Yes, please list amount and type.

NO ☒
YES ☐

- 1. One-time
- 2. Annual

Other Comments:

NOTICE OF INTENT

**NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT
AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
DURING THE PERIOD:**

April 1, 2023 to April 16, 2023

PROGRAM NAME: Environmental Protection Agency Government-to-Government

(X) NEW () CONTINUATION
(Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: \$ 1,000,000

FUNDING SOURCE: Environmental Protection Agency

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: To lower energy costs and improve indoor air quality in the homes of energy-burdened New Haven residents through partnerships with community-based organizations focused on electrification of aging heating and cooking systems.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL: If awarded, the City of New Haven will partner with community-based organizations, to enroll energy-burdened New Haven residents in a new program aimed at the electrification of aging heating and cooking systems. This program will be built on top of existing and planned local, state, and federal incentives for adopting electric heat pumps and other high efficiency electric appliances. Once enrolled, residents will be guided through how to access these incentives, linked to grants and financing to fund electrification improvements that lower costs or improve indoor air quality, and paired with qualified contractors to complete the installation of improvements. Special focus will be placed on engagement of residents and installation of electrification improvements in DEEP-designated environmental justice census block groups in West Rock/West Hills, Newhallville, Dixwell, the Hill, Fair Haven, and the Annex neighborhoods.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): N/A

ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: 10%

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION: New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability

CONTACT PERSON: Steven Winter, Executive Director of Climate and Sustainability

DATE: March 27, 2023

GRANT SUMMARY	
Grant Title:	Government-to-Government
MUNIS #:	N/A
City Department:	Office of Climate and Sustainability
City Contact Person & Phone:	Steven Winter, 203-946-8582
Funding Level:	\$1,000,000
Funding Period:	December 1, 2023-November 30, 2026
Funding Source:	US EPA
Funding Source Contact Person & Phone	Omari Burrell, Burrell.Omari@epa.gov
Purpose of Program:	To reduce energy bills and improve indoor air quality for energy-burdened New Haven residents through partnerships with community-based organizations and the installation of heat pumps and other high efficiency electric appliances.
Personnel (salary):	N/A
Personnel (Worker's Comp):	
Personnel (Med. Benefit):	
Non-Personnel (total):	\$1,000,000
Non-Personnel (M & U):	
New or Renewal?	New
Limits on spending (e.g., Admin. Cap)?	10%
Reporting requirements: Fiscal	Semi-Annual
Reporting requirements: Programmatic	Semi-Annual
Due date of first report:	June 1, 2024
Audit Requirements:	N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Environmental Protection Agency Government-to-Government

New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability

March 27, 2023

Funding request: \$1,000,000.00 over three years

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