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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, 2023 GRANT SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN SEEKING ACCREDITATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000.00 TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT WITH ITS ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING HIRING A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPERTY ROOMS AND WORK WITH PERSONNEL TO FULFILL REQUIREMENTS OF ACCREDITATION AND TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND TO ACCEPT SUCH FUNDS IF OFFERED AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY.

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WHEREAS, the City of New Haven through its Department of Police Service (NHPD) seeks to enhance and improve its operations to achieve accreditation; and

WHEREAS, state accreditation is a process through which law enforcement agencies demonstrate excellence in management and service delivery by complying with state accreditation standards; and

WHEREAS, the NHPD, per state statute "The Police Accountability Act," is mandated to complete an accreditation process to become an accredited agency; and

WHEREAS, the NHPD is committed to becoming an accredited agency, having begun the process by working on critical tasks including reviewing general orders of the property room and evidence, installing security cameras inside and outside the room, preparing inventory, developing a manual on packaging evidence, building a warehouse at its Training Academy to safely store evidence; and working with ProPhoenix Corporation to help build the CAD/RMS platform to meet the specific needs of the property room; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services offers funding to advance the accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, the NHPD Property and Evidence Unit of the Administrative Division is prepared to use this funding to conduct an audit and use the recommendations of same to improve its management of property and evidence, which is essential to the accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Alders supports the efforts of the NHPD to become an accredited agency to better meet the public safety needs of the City of New Haven; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizes the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for funds offered by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services in the amount of \$160,000.00 for a period of 24 months and to accept such funds, if offered, and to execute all documents and contracts as necessary.