

## **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:**

May 23, 2023 to June 6, 2023

**PROGRAM NAME:** US Department of Agriculture Composting and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project

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(Check One of the Above)

**FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT:**     \$ 400,000

**FUNDING SOURCE:** US Department of Agriculture Composting and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:** To pilot strategies for increasing food rescue and food scrap diversion in the downtown area.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL:** If awarded, the City of New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability will partner with Haven's Harvest, the Center for EcoTechnology, the Town Green District, and local businesses and large multi-family residences to pilot innovative strategies for increasing food rescue and food scrap diversion in the downtown area. As the City pursues models for providing access to food scrap diversion and composting for residences served by City refuse and recycling pickup, it is important to consider that residences and businesses served by private haulers make up nearly two thirds of the City's solid waste tonnage annually. Piloting and demonstrating the value of strategies for increasing food rescue participation and food scrap diversion that meet the needs of these residents and businesses is therefore an important component of the City's efforts to reduce food waste and increase the diversion of organic material toward productive uses. If funded, this proposal would provide support for expanded food rescue activities, provide free technical advice on food rescue, food scrap diversion, and waste reduction to downtown businesses that generate large amounts of food, and pilot new models of food scrap diversion for large multi-family residences.

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

**ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST:** 10%

**DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION:** New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability

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