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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**



**Carlos Sosa-Lombardo**  
Director

May 25, 2023

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

Dear Honorable Walker-Myers,

The Department of Community Resilience requests approval to enter a multi-year agreement with Clifford W Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc. to implement a Community Support Team (named *Community Healing Support Team*) that will provide trauma-informed rapid response to individuals, families, and communities in New Haven impacted by community violence and traumatic events. The total cost of this multi-year agreement is \$3750,000 over 3 years with a start date of July 1, 2023, and end date of June 30, 2026.

A request for proposals was published in early May 2023 seeking applicants to fulfil a community support team. Clifford W Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc. was chosen by a review panel as the best and highly qualified vendor to provide these services based on their organizational capacity, previous experience, and thoughtful plan and proposal. This agreement with Clifford W Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc. will cover activities including:

- Support following incidents of community trauma which includes but is not limited to unexpected deaths, gun violence, homicide, suicide, overdoses, fatal traffic deaths, fires, and hate or bias crimes.
- On-going case management, counseling, service coordination, and assistance with basic needs for up to 45 days following a referral.
- Access to flex funds which may be used to support unanticipated costs including funeral costs, apartment/housing repairs or cleaning services, and basic needs.
- Outreach and canvassing in the wake of community-wide traumatic events to support neighbors.
- Coordination and communication between community partners to streamline services for impacted individuals and families.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Carlos Sosa-Lombardo, Executive Director  
Department of Community Resilience

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