

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



Justin Elicker Mayor Carlos Sosa-Lombardo
Executive Director

September 29, 2023

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

Dear Honorable Walker-Myers,

The Department of Community Resilience requests the Board of Alders' approval to enter into a multi-year contract with Continuum of Care Inc. to implement an emergency housing program at 270 Foxon Boulevard, New Haven, CT. The contract will allow shelter operations for 2 years and 6 months. The start date is December 1, 2023, and the end date is June 30, 2026, with a total cost of \$3,500,000. There was a request for qualifications/request for proposal published in August 2023, which was reviewed by a selection committee, and resolved to award the contract to Continuum of Care, Inc.

Continuum of Care, Inc. comes highly recommended for their compassionate approach and commitment to helping the most vulnerable among us. They will operate the shelter with a focus on a housing-first policy, recognizing that stable housing is the foundation upon which individuals and families can regain their footing. The program will not only offer a safe haven, it will also provide vital services such as case management, peer support, and access to critical resources such as behavioral health counseling, employment services, education, and healthcare services.

As you are undoubtedly aware, our nation is currently experiencing a heartbreaking surge in homelessness, leaving countless individuals and families without a roof over their heads. This crisis demands our compassion, understanding, and swift response. It is in this spirit that I respectfully submit this request. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please contact me at 203-946-7846 if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,

Carlos Sosa-Lombardo, M.P.A.

NEW HAVEN IT ALL HAPPENS HERE

165 Church Street, 2nd Floor - New Haven, CT 06510 www.newhavenct.gov (203) 946-7846