

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **State of CT State Unit on Aging: FY 24 and FY 25 ARPA Senior Center Funding Opportunity**

City of New Haven Department of Elderly Services

February 27, 2024

Funding request: \$100,000.00

The City of New Haven Department of Elderly Services seeks funding from the State of CT, State Unit on Aging ARPA Senior Center Funding.

Funds will be used to:

- Provide transportation to and from the Dixwell/Newhallville Senior Center and senior center participant homes located throughout the City of New Haven through contractual services for those that attend the Dixwell/Newhallville Senior Center.
- Offer transportation for free during regular programming days, Monday through Friday, utilizing a 20-passenger CDL bus that is wheelchair accessible. The number of passengers on each bus will vary depending on the amount wheelchairs/scooters being transported.

The Department of Elderly Services objective is to connect seniors to programs and services, with an intended outcome to minimize the effects of isolation as a result of the pandemic while increasing the number of seniors that engage in the programs and services provided at the Dixwell/Newhallville Senior Center. We seek to prepare seniors to be better positioned to engage in services provided by the department and other stakeholder coordinated social events by tracking attendance, surveying interest in planned activities and monitoring the overall satisfaction of one's participation.