

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders
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RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT GRANT AWARD FROM US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ELECTRIFY THE HOMES OF ENERGY-BURDENED RESIDENTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND REDUCE ENERGY BILLS, AND TO ENTER INTO ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING AND CARRY OUT THE ASSOCIATED GRANT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers,

The City of New Haven (the “City”) is requesting to amend an Order previously adopted concerning the Order authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept the government-to-government grant award from the US Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) to electrify the homes of energy-burdened residents in order to improve air quality and reduce energy bills.

This Order (LM 2023-0213) was favorably recommended by the City Services and Environmental Policy Committee on June 1st, 2023 and approved by the Board of Alders at its meeting on July 5, 2023. The proposal submitted by the City has been selected to receive a grant award from the EPA. In order to receive the award from this multi-year grant program, the City must be authorized to approve multi-year agreements with the EPA and the partner organizations which will assist the City in carrying out the activities of the grant. The language of the Order previously adopted by the Board of Alders did not explicitly contain this authorization or authorization for the City to enter into an agreement with the EPA that may contain provisions indemnifying the federal government, which may be needed in the the grant period.

The revised language of the Order contains corrected language which provides these authorizations, which will allow the City to accept the grant award from the EPA and carry out the associated activities in order to better serve our residents.

We respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable action on the attached amended Order authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept funding through the Government-to-Government Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (475) 331-3769.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Winter

Executive Director