



CITY OF NEW HAVEN
*Department of
Community Resilience*

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

The Department of Community Resilience requests approval to enter a multi-year contract with Youth Continuum, Inc (YC) in the amount of \$500k ARP funds from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. More specifically this contract will allow for gap funding to cover construction costs of the proposed youth crisis housing (shelter).

This project will renovate and expand existing office and program space on the street level and basement of 922-924 Grand Avenue, while adding a second-floor level to provide crisis housing (shelter) for 12 young adults, ages 18-24 who are experiencing homelessness, for up to 60 days. This construction project will expand the existing 4,500 square feet facility to over 13,000 sq. ft. of full handicap accessible space. This renovation will also create two spaces for job-training and employment opportunities for these youth in collaboration with a local business/employment agency.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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