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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR ARP CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500K TO YOUTH CONTINUUM, INC. TO PROVIDE GAP FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A YOUTH CRISIS HOUSING (SHELTER).

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WHEREAS, the City of New Haven through its Department of Community Resilience – Office of Housing and Homelessness seeks to provide safe crisis housing (shelter) spaces for unhoused youth; and,

WHEREAS, unhoused youth face unsafe and mentally challenging situations every day, often leading to fear, anxiety, depression, and hopelessness. These feelings have a negative impact on their psyche, their response to situations, their ability to obtain or maintain employment and to thrive: and,

WHEREAS, a safe, clean shelter with wraparound, client centered services is vital to stabilizing the unhoused, providing emotional support, reducing stress and anxiety; improving mood; and increasing productivity due to a better mental state: and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Homelessness believes safe crisis housing (shelter) services will provide much needed support to unhoused youth; and

WHEREAS, Youth Continuum Inc. is a non-profit organization that has been serving disenfranchised youth in the City of New Haven for over 58 years by providing support services to at risk and unhoused youth; and,

WHEREAS, Youth Continuum, Inc. has agreed to renovate and expand their existing facility and construct 12 units of crisis housing (shelter) services for youth; and

WHEREAS, Youth Continuum, Inc. has also agreed to provide wraparound services for youth to include housing case management, access to medical and behavioral care as well as financial literacy and access to employment training; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Homelessness is honored to partner with Youth Continuum, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven supports these services that benefit the unhoused youth in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizes the Office of Housing and Homelessness to enter into a multi- year ARP contract with Youth Continuum, Inc in the amount of \$500k to provide gap funding for the construction of a youth crisis housing (shelter)