

Re: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESERVATION CONNECTICUT GRANT: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

WHEREAS: The **Vibrant Communities Initiative** grant opportunity was announced by Preservation Connecticut ("Preservation CT") and the City of New Haven (the "City") worked to develop applications in a manner consistent with the foundation grant requirements; and

WHEREAS: the City has highlighted the need for adaptive reuse in its Comprehensive Plan Update, Vision 2025 (2015); and

WHEREAS: the City's historic resources are a valuable cultural and economic asset which must be leveraged to foster inclusive growth; and

WHEREAS: the Preservation CT **Vibrant Communities Initiative** grant seeks to fund municipalities' efforts to produce action plans for historic resources ; and

WHEREAS: the Vibrant Communities Initiative grant may be used to fund adaptive reuse studies; and

WHEREAS: Preservation CT seeks to fund projects that are developed in collaboration with community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: an adaptive reuse study of the Strong School will be designed with inclusive engagement from community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: recognizing the highly competitive nature of the Vibrant Communities Initiative grant program, the City is making an application for up to \$27,000 funding; and

WHEREAS: the grant activities will be overseen by the City Plan Department and builds on existing programs and initiatives within City Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Alders authorizes the Mayor, Justin Elicker, to apply for, execute, acknowledge, implement and deliver any and all documents as may be considered necessary or appropriate for the Vibrant Communities Initiative grant; which documents may include indemnifications of the federal or state agencies involved in the funding, to the extent necessary in order to obtain the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Mayor may enter into such agreements for the Vibrant Communities Initiative grant funding for lesser amounts, in the event the City is awarded a grant at a lower funding level, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Mayor may enter into subsequent agreements with the partner organizations or other entities in a manner consistent with the Vibrant Communities Initiative grant program regulations.