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The Honorable Board of Aldermen
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Re: Resolution of the New Haven Board of Aldermen Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) for a Grant in the Amount not to Exceed \$1,000,000.00 to provide grant-in-aid to the City of New Haven for improvements to the Dixwell Q-House Community Center

Dear Honorable Members:

In 2013, the Board of Alderman approved funding to begin a process for the review of facilities throughout the City of New Haven to provide much needed services and opportunities for city youth. One opportunity established was to evaluate the potential of the Q house to be reopened.

Under the State of Connecticut Public Act #57, 2011 As amended section 31-38, The Department of Social Services can provide grants-in-aid for neighborhood facilities, child care projects, and multipurpose human resource centers, shelter facilities for victims of domestic violence and food distribution facilities. The City of New Haven is looking for a qualified firm to program, and develop schematic, design development, and construction documents to construct a new building to house the elements of the new Dixwell Community Center "Q-House". Those elements to consist of a new facility for the Willis K. Stetson Branch Library, (part of the New Haven Free Public Library), the new Dixwell Community Center "Q-House", and a lease property to house a compatible use for the civic/community at large. (i.e.: Health Center, Educational Facility), and leased commercial space as identified in the programming process.

The attached resolution would authorize the filing of an application in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the Neighborhood Facilities grant with the Department of Social Services for this purpose. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Bartlett
Youth Services Director

