

## NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATION TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD: January 2022 – March 2024

PROGRAM NAME: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

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(Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: up to \$75,000 over three years

FUNDING SOURCE: CT Department of Agriculture

### PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:

The goals of a project funding by the program must be to enhance the competitiveness of United States specialty crops in domestic and foreign markets. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture (including maple syrup and honey), and nursery crops (including floriculture).

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL:

The Food System Policy Division is applying for funding from the CT Department of Agriculture in order to partner with community members and organizations to develop a series of plans and activities that will create an enabling environment for urban agriculture, specifically for specialty crop production and market opportunities in New Haven, so that all residents will equitably benefit from the positive environmental, health, and socioeconomic outcomes of urban agriculture. The activities will revolve around an educational workshop series, connecting urban farmers and local businesses, and building community seed libraries throughout New Haven.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): N/A

ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: Per City policy, indirect costs are allowed up to either an approved rate, or, if there is no approved rate, the de minimis 10% indirect is allowed.

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION: Food System Policy Division

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