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April 19, 2021

The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH AND PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 TOGETHER WITH AN APPROPRIATION OF \$26.3M FOR MUNICIPAL COST AND SUMMER RESET PROGRAMS

Suspension Agenda Requested

Dear President Walker-Myers,

I write to follow up on the communication of April 5, 2021 concerning the American Rescue Plan with a request of the Board to move forward with an early start appropriation of \$26.3 million to cover summer reset programs, taking the form of municipal cost recovery and community-based programming through September 30, 2021.

As we know and continue to learn more, the American Rescue Plan is significantly more than a stimulus bill. Key provisions of the bill include including the stimulus payments, unemployment benefits and child tax credits are providing much-needed relief to the many residents of our community adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the American Rescue Plan's Local Recovery Fund, the City of New Haven is in position to address the needs of both municipal government and the community. In turn, the specific request herein covers the following activities,

- Appropriation to the General Fund of \$20.0 million, covering expenses eligible pursuant to Section 603 Local Recovery Fund, inclusive of personnel and non-personnel expenses and unrealized revenues.
- Appropriation to the Special Fund of \$6.3M to support initial 20 recovery programs through September 30, 2021 covering four topical categories, Youth Engagement, Clean & Safe, Arts & Culture and Safe Summer. A summary of these programs with eligible use categories is shown on Exhibit 1 to the Order.

Up to 25 “grassroots grants” will be made available for community providers to expand programming. Neighborhood “pop-up” events will be scheduled every week for eight weeks. Arts events will be supported in order to ensure the summer is one of enrichment and cultural equity. Substantial resources will be appropriated toward programs and community groups working to end violence and support the mental health and wellbeing of residents, particularly high-risk populations.

The Summer Reset programs, taken together, represent a substantial and meaningful expansion of programming for the City’s youth following over a year of reduced activities due to the pandemic. The early start is complemented by the launch of the Civic Space conversation on recovery and the longer-term effort to recover and thrive.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter and I look forward to your support in the implementation of the American Rescue Plan here in New Haven.

Sincerely,

Justin Elicker
Mayor

attachments

cc Taijah Anderson, Mayor’s Office
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