



Legislation Text

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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO MAKE AVAILABLE A GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.5 MILLION FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUND, ALL IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE STEM CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE AT NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE 101 COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT AND LAND DISPOSITION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, as of August 1, 2020, the City of New Haven (the “City”), the New Haven Parking Authority and the WE 101 College Street LLC (the “Owner”) entered into a Development and Land Disposition Agreement (the “DLDA”) concerning the development of WE 101 College Street LLC as a medical, laboratory and research-based facility at 101 College Street, New Haven; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.2 (H) of the DLDA, the Owner has designated certain space in the Building as incubator space for entrepreneurial purposes (the “Incubator Space”) a portion of which Incubator Space has been set aside by the Owner for use by the New Haven Public Schools (“NHPS”) for academic programs centering around science, technology, engineering and mathematics (“STEM Academic Classrooms”), focused on the life sciences and biotechnologies; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the DLDA, NHPS, the City, the Owner, Southern Connecticut State University and Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Gateway Campus have collaborated on workforce programs aimed to dramatically elevate science-focused academic achievement and career advancement in key economic sectors for the greater New Haven region; and,

WHEREAS NHPS wishes to use the STEM Academic Classrooms for a new BioCity Academy and collaborate with other academic partners to fully use the STEM Academic Classrooms toward workforce development goals; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to President Biden’s Executive Order 13985 on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government, the City has underscored the racial wealth gap and opportunities to create intergenerational wealth through the pandemic recovery process in part by deploying funds made available by the Federal Government for career pathways and academic excellence; and,

WHEREAS, the STEM Classrooms at 101 College Street will be fully furnished and equipped to professional standards, thereby creating a sense of belonging, aspiration and access for students of New Haven Public Schools; and,

WHEREAS, the BioCity curriculum will support the whole student and build a foundation for learning within a professional setting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the Board of Alders hereby authorizes Mayor Justin Elicker to execute such documentation as may be required for funding local recovery funds and other funding as may be made available to the City under the American Rescue Plan Act process (which documentation may include (inter alia) an indemnification of the appropriate federal agency or other public or quasi-public organization involved with respect to the provision of such funding) and to execute any agreements, amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City with respect to all other matters pertaining to such application;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Board of Alders hereby authorizes Mayor Justin Elicker to the City to draw down from the American Rescue Plan, local fiscal recovery fund no more than \$1,500,000 for the purposes set forth in the Career Pathways, Program (Account #2315-724-101-0000-3116-00-56694) for use and access by New Haven Public Schools for science-based academic career pathways programs and to execute any agreements, sub-agreements and amendments and to act as the authorized representative of the City with respect to all other matters pertaining to such career pathways.