



Legislation Text

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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEM CLASSROOMS TO BE PROVIDED AT 101 COLLEGE STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 101 COLLEGE STREET 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 filing of an application for financial assistance through the Federal Discretionary Grant Program for bioscience career programs is hereby authorized and Mayor Justin Elicker is directed to execute and file such application with the United States Department of Education ("US DOE"), to provide such additional information as may be required, to execute such other documents as may be required in the application process, to execute a Grant/Assistance Agreement with the United States Department of Education (a "US DOE Agreement") for such financial assistance (if such a US DOE Agreement is offered) in the amount of \$1,500,000 or such lesser amount (if any) as may be offered by the US DOE (which US DOE Agreement may include an indemnification of the US DOE and/or the US government and/or other appropriate agencies of the US government), to execute any 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.