



Legislation Text

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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH UPON THIS ROCK MINISTRY FOR \$500,000.00 TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE A 24 HOUR SHELTER FOR 65 UNHOUSED MALES AT 645 GRAND AVENUE.

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven through its Department of Community Resilience - Office of Housing and Homelessness seeks to provide safe shelter spaces for unhoused individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, the unhoused face unsafe and mentally challenging situations every day, often leading to fear, anxiety, depression, and hopelessness. These feelings have a negative impact on their psyche, their response to situations, their ability to obtain or maintain employment and for children, their ability to perform well at school: and,

WHEREAS, a safe, clean shelter with wraparound, client centered services have been vital to stabilizing the unhoused, providing emotional support, reducing stress and anxiety; improving mood; and increasing productivity due to a better mental state: and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Homelessness believes a safe shelter services will provide much needed support to unhoused; and,

WHEREAS, Upon This Rock Ministry is non-profit organization that has been serving the disenfranchised in the City of New Haven by providing meals and most recently providing warming center services to the unhoused; and,

WHEREAS, Upon This Rock Ministry has agreed to develop and operate a 24-hour shelter for 65 males with wraparound services to include housing case management, access to medical and behavioral care and harm reduction services as well as financial literacy and access to employment training; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Homelessness is honored to partner with Upon this Rock Ministry for said services under a one-year contract in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven supports the services that benefit the unhoused in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizes the Office of Housing and Homelessness to enter into a one-year contract in the amount of \$500,000.00 with Upon This Rock Ministry to provide 24- hour shelter for 65 males.