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Legislation Text

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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SIX MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$26,000,000.00) FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR THE UNION SQUARE PROJECT F/K/A CHURCH STREET SOUTH

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Haven/Elm City Communities (“ECC”) ECC was the recipient of a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant for the planning for the redevelopment of the former Church Street South properties (the “Site”), and, working with the City of New Haven (“City”) and neighborhood groups, has created a Transformation Plan (the “Transformation Plan”) for the redevelopment of the Site; and

WHEREAS, HUD administers the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative to support the transformation of distressed neighborhoods into sustainable, mixed-income communities; and

WHEREAS, the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant provides funding to replace distressed public and assisted housing, improve outcomes for residents, and create conditions for public safety, quality education, and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the City, in particular, the Site and the surrounding areas, suffer from aging public housing stock, rising construction costs, and increasing demand for safe, quality housing options; and

WHEREAS, HUD is making competitive grants available under authorized funding through its Choice Neighborhoods Initiative program which would enable the implementation of an initial phase of the Transformation Plan (the “CNI Grant”); and

WHEREAS, the City and ECC have elected to partner and to serve as co-applicants to pursue a CNI Grant from HUD for the implementation of the Transformation Plan and the redevelopment of the Site; and

WHEREAS, ECC will serve as the Lead Applicant for the HUD CNI Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven will serve as a Co-Applicant in partnership with ECC; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will clearly define the roles and responsibilities of Elm City Communities (Lead Applicant) and the City of New Haven (Co-Applicant) as required by HUD.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Alders that the City of New Haven is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a grant in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Six Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$26,000,000.00) or any lesser amount as may be awarded by HUD; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor of the City of New Haven (the “Mayor”) is hereby authorized, to act as the City’s authorized representative to execute and file a grant application with the HUD and provide such additional information as may be required by HUD in connection with the City’s grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is authorized to enter into and to execute and deliver a grant agreement and is further authorized to execute and deliver any other documents or instruments as may be required by HUD or as may be necessary expedient to effectuate the City’s application for and acceptance of the grant, and to execute and deliver any multiyear memorandum of understanding, amendments and revisions to such documentation as may be required by HUD with respect thereto, which documentation may include an indemnity of HUD by the City.