

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to accept funds for the award from the AARP in the amount of up to \$9,000 over July 15- Nov. 4, 2019 to support The Learning Corridor Playscape Project near the Shelton Ave.- Hazel St. intersection, New Haven. (Community Services Administrator)

REPORT: 1557-09

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

This proposed grant award will be made to the Community Services Administration for the time period July 15, 2019 – November 4, 2019 in the approximate amount of \$9,000 for improvements to compliment the Learning Corridor Playscape Project near the Shelton Ave/Hazel St intersection in New Haven. The Learning Corridor Playscape Project is a resident-driven initiative in the Newhallville neighborhood, intended to transform a site near the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail into a venue for family recreation and other health-promoting activities. There is a need for a Learning Corridor Playscape project as an appropriate intervention for developing a site for multigenerational recreational activities in the Newhallville neighborhood. This is a collaborative effort between the City of New Haven and Community Services Administration together with LCI, the Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Trees, the Engineering Dept, and Newhallville residents on all tasks necessary for completing the Learning Corridor Playscape project.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Accepting this grant complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan:


New Haven Vision 2025, Executive Summary: "New playground equipment in various neighborhood parks and school sites ... it is clear that the general planning focus in the city should be on promoting strategic neighborhood-based planning efforts to reinforce or strengthen a sense of place and distinct identity for each neighborhood."

New Haven Vision 2025, Section IV-8, Housing and Neighborhood Planning: "Planning Considerations: The city's most stable neighborhoods, in general, are pedestrian-oriented, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sound. There are walk-to-work options and convenience goods in accessible locations. Community services, including schools, parks, and playgrounds are within a reasonable walking distance of many homes."

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Resolution in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: May 15, 2019
Ed Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Director, City Plan Department