

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Authorizing the City to apply and accept a grant for the Working Cities Challenge. (Office of Economic Development)

REPORT: 1526-10

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The Working Cities Challenge is a program implemented by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and partners that is designed to promote economic growth in New England's low-income communities. Design grants are generally awarded in the range of \$15,000-\$20,000 and afford selected cities' teams the opportunity to build capacity and strengthen collaborative leadership as they develop their initiatives. Design grantees may then go on to compete for multi-year implementation awards.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The City of New Haven would use the grant to design, test, and implement comprehensive, coordinated, and evidence-based strategies and tools to overcome transportation barriers currently limiting access to, and retention of, living wage jobs for residents of its West Rock and Newhallville neighborhoods. This is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan's guiding principles for transportation recommendations of "promoting a safe, efficient, reliable, and accessible public transit system throughout the city to connect residents to jobs, services, and the community," "enhance public safety, particularly for the city's most vulnerable users," and "improving mobility for people of all ages and abilities."

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: January 25, 2017
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
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Executive Director