

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** of the City of New Haven authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to and to accept the award from, the FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Program in the amount of \$68,469.45 federal funds.  
**Submitted by:** Director of the Office of Emergency Management

**REPORT:** 1613-02

**ADVICE:** Approve.

### BACKGROUND

The FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Program provides, state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management agencies with resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. The FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Program allows costs to support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery mission areas. This funding provides framework and reimbursement for activities necessary for the preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery missions required for the City Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant offers funds and other resources for multi-coordination of Emergency Management Operations for the City of New Haven. The Board of Alders of the City of New Haven consistently support coordination with external stakeholders, and public safety agencies, recognizing that this is key to ensure unified command across all disciplines during all hazards, planning, response, and recovery.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, **"Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, [grant funding], the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed."** Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

*The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:*

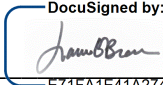
- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- The City's Comprehensive Plan states, as a goal, to **"Adapt to sea level rise and other coastal/inland flooding events by identifying and seeking new sources of funding to address and improve the resiliency of properties in V and VE flood zones"**

**ADVICE**

The proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Will allow the City to take preventative coastal resiliency measures to prevent loss of lives and property during major coastal flooding events.
- Will allow City Departments to coordinate with the Office of Emergency Management to identify, prioritize, and publish emergency evacuation routes within the city, on a scenario-based approach, as part of pre-hazard mitigation planning.

**ADOPTED:** July 20, 2022  
Leslie Radcliffe  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Laura E Brown  
Executive Director, City Plan Department