

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** of the City of New Haven authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to submit an application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2023 Culture of Health Prize, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 of unrestricted funds to support the ongoing work of the Department of Community Resilience, and to accept all associated free services if offered and to execute all documents and contracts if necessary.

Submitted by: Carlos Sosa Lombardo, Director of Community Resilience

REPORT: 1629-17

ADVICE: Approve.

BACKGROUND

The New Haven Department of Community Resilience seeks to apply to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize, which honors the work of communities that foster health and well-being for all by addressing systemic inequities.

The "Prize" shines a light on communities paving the way to health equity. If selected, the New Haven Department of Community Resilience will receive:

- One-time award of \$250,000.00 of unrestricted funds to support the Department's ongoing work.
- National and local promotion of the community's stories that will inspire others' efforts.
- Training to enhance outreach to media, policymakers, advocacy networks, and grassroots organizations.
- Opportunities to expand networks by connecting with other Prize communities as well as national and local leaders working to build a Culture of Health.
- Access to technical assistance, coaching, and workshops to enable Prize winners to accelerate their progress.

The Department of Community Resilience's application for this award will highlight the city's diverse, cross-sector partnerships that have enabled the operations of the Department of Community Resilience to address the structural barriers that impede equitable opportunity and health equity. The application will emphasize the Department's work to create sustainable solutions that address underlying policies and systems.

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, 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.

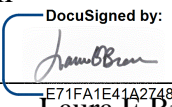
The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to whether the proposal is aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

ADVICE

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

- Supports efforts to improve public health
- Celebrates neighborhood assets and opportunities
- Highlights the city’s response to address structural racism and systemic inequities with the goal of advancing opportunity, equity and access to care for all

ADOPTED: March 15, 2023
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST:  March 20, 2023 | 2:15 PM EDT
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 Executive Director, City Plan Department