

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the mayor to accept funding from the Historic Wooster Square Association as a pass-through from the Connecticut Department of Community and Economic Development (CTDECD) and sign any agreements, and other documents that may be desirable or necessary, including any subsequent amendments to agreements, regarding improvements to historical Wooster Square Neighborhood

Submitted by: Department of Engineering

REPORT: 1630-19

BACKGROUND

The State of Connecticut has offered funding to the Historic Wooster Square Association from the State's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation. The Historic Wooster Square Association has approached the City of New Haven to undertake improvements to their district as a subrecipient of the grant, including traffic calming, lighting, and park improvements. The proposed budget for the City as a subrecipient is \$452,400.

The City proposes accepting this funding from the State of Connecticut through the Historic Wooster Square Association, and working with the Wooster Sq community to implement the project. The proposed improvements will be beneficial to the health and well-being of the general public, and will occur in the public right-of-way and park areas.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This grant proposal is aligned with the City comprehensive plan from the standpoint of:

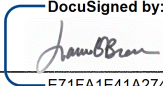
- Preserving the historic character of the city
- Continue to enhance the image of all city parks to make them accessible, inviting, exciting, and well maintained
- Encourage multi-modal transportation planning within the city by promoting transportation infrastructure and traffic calming improvements and effective transportation demand management strategies.

It is important to note that any changes viewable from a public way within the Wooster Square Local Historic District will require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission.

ADVICE

Authorization of this grant application aligns with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut’s goals.

ADOPTED: April 19, 2023
 Leslie Radcliffe
 Chair

ATTEST:  April 24, 2023 | 9:31 AM EDT
 Laura E Brown
 Executive Director, City Plan Department