

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the City of New Haven (Mayor or Controller) to enter into a three-year agreement with Power in the Shower in the amount of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) to implement the Power in the Shower mobile shower service.

Submitted by: Department of Community Resilience

REPORT: 1632-16

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The Department of Community Resilience requests approval to enter a multi-year agreement with Power in a Shower to provide mobile shower services for people who are experiencing homelessness in the City of New Haven. The total cost of this multi-year agreement is \$450,000 over 3 years, with a start date of July 1, 2023, and end date of June 30, 2026.

A request for proposals was published in early May 2023, seeking applicants to fulfill the need for mobile shower services. Power in a Shower Inc. was chosen by a review panel as the best and most highly qualified vendor to provide these services based on their organizational capacity, previous experience, and thoughtful plan and proposal. This multi-year agreement with Shower in a Power Inc. includes the following considerations:

- Power in a Shower, Inc., provides a total of (4) shower stalls; (3) stalls with a showering area of 36” x 36” and (1) stall with a showering area of 32” x 48.”
- Provisions are for approximately 2,500 showers (100 showers per week during service season).
- People who use the shower services will also receive one hygienic care package, disposable bath towels, undergarments, feminine hygiene products, drawstring bags, t-shirts, and socks.
- Shower units will be available 4 days per week, consisting of 3 mornings and 1 evening, 4 hours each day.

Shower locations and schedule:

- Tuesdays, 8 AM to 1:00 PM - The New Haven Green
- Thursdays, 8AM to 1:00 PM – Varick Church, 242 Dixwell Ave
- Thursdays, 2:30PM to 6:30 PM - The New Haven Green
- Fridays, 9 AM to 12 PM - The Redeemed Christian Church 245 Grand Ave

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

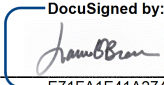
This grant proposal is aligned with the City Comprehensive Plan because it will further Comprehensive Plan goals to:

- Promote public health in the city
- Build value-added improvements to the city’s parks to enhance its usage and promote safe access to parks, especially in underserved neighborhoods, by capitalizing on site and resource opportunities.

ADVICE

Approval. Authorization of this grant application aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan goals.

ADOPTED: June 21, 2023
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST:  June 23, 2023 | 12:23 PM EDT
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Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department