

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the Superintendent to apply for the Non-Priority Grant CT DAS/OSCGR and approval of local funds; approving the establishment of a Building Committee for Sound School Roof Replacement under Non-Priority Grant CT DAS/OSCGR; and approving the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for Sound School Roof Replacement under the Non-Priority School Construction Grant, CT DAS/OSCGR. (Submitted by: Mr. Philip Pen, New Haven Public Schools Chief Financial Officer)

REPORT: **1580-05**

ADVICE: **Approve**

BACKGROUND

Mr. Philip Pen, New Haven Public Schools Chief Financial Officer, is requesting the approval of the Board of Alders for three resolutions to replace the roof on the Foote building at Sound School. The roof has been deteriorated for some time and has caused significant damage to the inside of the building. The Board of Education's facilities and finance teams have worked with Sound School's leadership to pursue a roof replacement school construction grant through the State of Connecticut's Department of Administrative Services/Office of School Construction Grant Review (CT DAS/OSCGR).

The three resolutions are: 1) Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Apply for the Non-Priority Grant CT DAS/OSCGR and approval of Local Funds (please note that the entire value of the project must be approved with local funds); 2) Resolution to Establish a Building Committee for the Sound School Roof Replacement; and 3) Resolution for Preparation of Schematic Drawings and Outline Specifications for Sound School Roof Replacement.

The Board of Education approved the resolutions at their December 14, 2020 meeting.

The grant is anticipated to provide approximately 78% of the total estimated project cost of \$538,335, or \$419,901, leaving a net cost to the City of \$118,434 that will be funded through the Board of Education's building maintenance capital account.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Sound School is an Agricultural Science & Technology Center partially funded by the Connecticut State Department of Education, and is part of the New Haven Public Schools district. The approval of the three resolutions that will allow the repair of the Sound School Roof complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan:

New Haven Vision 2025, Sec. xviii

"to enhance the learning environment and provide year-round facilities that can be used by both schools and the community"

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: January 20, 2021
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: Aicha Woods
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Executive Director, City Plan Department