

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Approving the acceptance of \$25,000 from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Urban Green and Community Garden Initiative Grant for improvements to New Haven's community gardens with the New Haven Land Trust. (Director of Parks, Recreation, and Trees)

REPORT: 1554-17

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

In 2018, the City of New Haven and the New Haven Land Trust, Inc. submitted an application to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program for an Urban Green and Community Garden Initiative Grant for improvements to existing New Haven community gardens. On December 17, 2018, DEEP notified the City and the New Haven Land Trust that the grant, in the amount of \$25,000 with a fifty percent match requirement, had been approved for funding. The City of New Haven will work in partnership with the New Haven Land Trust and use the funding to add clean soil and construct new tool sheds, hoop houses, low tunnels, and additional raised garden beds in seventeen of the City's fifty community gardens.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Funding from DEEP's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program will help the City achieve New Haven Vision 2025 goals of preserving, maintaining, and enhancing dedicated open space and existing community gardens throughout the city.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: February 20, 2019
 Edward Mattison
 Chair

ATTEST: MPI.
 Michael Piscitelli, AICP
 Interim Economic Development Administrator