

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: Nutmeg Network Grant, Authorization of application to the Nutmeg Network grant to allow the City use of a State-provided fiber optic broadband Internet network .

REPORT:1501-03

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board is a Resolution authorizing the Board of Aldermen to authorize the application to the Nutmeg Network grant to allow the City use of a State-provided fiber optic broadband Internet network. Submitted by City Controller Daryl Jones, the grant provides funding to assist the City in connecting to the State-provided fiber optic broadband Nutmeg Network. Installation is provided at no cost to the City.

In the grant, the State agrees to:

- Pay for the first year of annual maintenance;

The City agrees to:

- Absorb all other costs, including bandwidth and data services.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This program will result in cost-savings and greater efficiency for the City by equipping the City with State-provided high speed Internet access that is less expensive than that available from private providers. There are additional grants available from the State to connect other facilities to the Nutmeg Network and reduce the cost of service. Benefits provided by the Nutmeg Network include improved Internet delivery and efficiency, engagement in a municipal cloud for improved data sharing, use of business systems improvement services, and access to community outreach technological tools. Costs will be estimated by the State Office of Policy and Management in February.

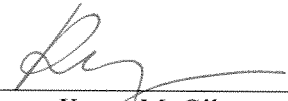
Current 2015 Nutmeg Network rates for internet are listed below.

Internet	\$6.72/Mb
Transport Units (Ethernet)	\$5.44/Mb
Monthly Port Fee	\$103.80/Port

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: January 21, 2015
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director