

CITY OF WEST HAVEN NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It shall be the policy of the City of West Haven to comply with all Federal Laws, regulations, and Executive Orders which may apply to the City when accepting Federal Funding or as otherwise required.

Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and City of West Haven (COWH) civil rights regulations and policies, the COWH, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering COWH programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by COWH (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the City of West Haven Grants in Aid Office (Voice OR TTY relay service) at 203.937.3620 ext 3010 or email to dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov, or by visiting City Hall at 365 main Street West Haven, CT 06516. Additionally, program information can be made available in languages other than English.

Privacy Statement

Subject to rules, regulations and laws regarding public records disclosure, the City will keep children's names, and family financial information private. If applicant or participant has special privacy needs—such as being party to a protective order or similar need—please explain in the notes section of the application. In addition, we use and disclose Personal Information collected through the process as we believe to be necessary or appropriate: (i) under applicable law; (ii) to comply with legal process; (iii) to respond to requests from public and government authorities; (iv) to enforce our terms and conditions; (v) to protect our operations or those of any of our affiliates; (vi) to protect our rights, privacy, safety, or property, and/or that of our affiliates, you, or others; and (vii) to allow us to pursue available remedies or limit the damages that we may sustain.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. The Act goes on to explain that the statute shall not be construed to authorize action with respect to any employment practice of any employer, employment agency, or labor organization (except where the primary objective of the Federal financial assistance is to provide employment).

Section 13 of the 1972 Amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act provides that no person in the United States shall on the ground of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended. Employment discrimination on the basis of sex is prohibited in all such programs or activities. Section

504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall solely by reason of disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Employment discrimination on the basis of disability is prohibited in all such programs or activities. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 provides that no person on the basis of age shall be excluded from participation under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Employment discrimination is not covered. Age discrimination in employment is prohibited by the Age Discrimination in Employment Act administered by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 provides that no person in the United States on the basis of sex shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination on the basis of sex is prohibited in all such education programs or activities.

Note: an education program or activity is not limited to only those conducted by a formal institution. 40 C.F.R. Part 5 implements Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. 40 C.F.R. Part 7 implements Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 13 of the 1972 Amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Executive Order 13166 (E.0.13166) entitled: "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency" requires Federal agencies work to ensure that recipients of Federal financial assistance provide meaningful access to their LEP applicants and beneficiaries.

Items "Applicant" means any entity that files an application or unsolicited proposal or otherwise requests Federal assistance. 40 C.F.R. §§ 5.105, 7.25.

"Recipient" means any entity, other than applicant, which will actually receive Federal assistance. 40 C.F.R. §§ 5.105, 7.25. "Civil rights lawsuits and "administrative complaints" means any lawsuit or administrative complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age,

or disability pending or decided against the applicant and/or entity which actually benefits from the grant, but excluding employment complaints not covered by 40 C.F.R. Parts 5 and 7. For example, if a city is the named applicant but the grant will actually benefit the Department of Sewage, civil rights lawsuits involving both the city and the Department of Sewage should be listed. "Civil rights compliance review" means any review assessing the applicant's and/or recipient's compliance with laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Persons aggrieved under this policy may file a complaint with the designated Civil Rights Coordinator:

<u>City Employees Only:</u> Pamela Alvino <u>palvino@westhaven-ct.gov</u>. Personnel Dept. City Hall 203.937.3500

Non- City Employees: Office of the Mayor, City Hall Third Floor, 365 Main St. West Haven, CT 06516

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Depending on the circumstances, the Mayor will delegate investigation of the complaint to an appropriate person.