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Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury Selected for Community Reinvestment Pilot Program

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Waterbury, CT - June 28, 2023 - Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury (NHSW) was selected as one of the six recipients from Connecticut's Social Equity Council for the Community Reinvestment Pilot Program. This program aims to uplift communities and strengthen families disproportionately impacted by the "War on Drugs."

The Community Reinvestment Pilot Program aims to provide crucial funding to organizations across Connecticut, enabling them to develop, expand, and support programs that address the needs of communities affected by the long-lasting repercussions of the "War on Drugs."

This initiative is funded by Connecticut's state cannabis revenue and administered by third-party grant managers. Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury (NHSW) was selected as one of the six third-party grant managers throughout the state of Connecticut. The funds will be exclusively used for two key areas: Reentry/Reintegration programs supporting formerly incarcerated individuals and their families, and Youth Education, Recreation, and Arts programs that promote physical and mental health wellness while empowering young people in preparation for the future workforce.

"We are excited to give back to communities affected for so long by the failed war on drugs," said Ginne-Rae Clay, SEC Executive Director. "This pilot program and first round of funding is intended to have a direct and immediate benefit to DIA [disproportionately impacted area] communities and residents that are most vulnerable, our youth who are really struggling right now, and the reentry population who have probably been harmed the most. Providing financial support to programs that uplift and serve DIA communities will help alleviate some of the burden of those who have been carrying the weight of the devastating impacts of this war. We look forward to seeing the results of this funding and working to provide relief in other DIA communities very soon."

NHSW has a long-standing commitment to improving housing conditions, strengthening neighborhoods, and engaging and supporting residents within our community. As the third-party grant manager, NHSW will look to fund organizations that will continue this important work and create and sustain meaningful initiatives that foster positive change in Waterbury.

"These same neighborhoods, these same streets that we are trying to revitalize are the same neighborhoods and streets that have been negatively impacted by the War on Drugs. We are familiar



with the people and organizations doing the hard work and look forward to the opportunity to direct these dollars back into the community for necessary repair and restoration” said Kevin Taylor, Executive Director of NHSW.

NHSW will host two rounds of funding; the first round begins on July 1, 2023, for Youth enrichment programming impacting Waterbury communities. The second round begins August 1, 2023 and will focus on Reentry/Reintegration programs. Applications will be available at the NHSW office or on our website. For more information about this new, innovative opportunity or NHSW please visit www.nhswaterbury.org.

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