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“City of Norwich recommended for \$4.5 million in Community Investment Funds from the State of Connecticut for Housing Development and Greenspace Improvements”

Norwich, CT — Mayor Swarnjit Singh announced today that the City of Norwich has been awarded \$4,236,745 in Round 8 of the State of Connecticut Community Investment Fund (CIF) grant program for revitalization of greenspace on the Historic Lower Broadway at “Jubilee Park”. Additionally, House of Changes Inc., a Norwich-based not-for-profit was awarded a \$250,000 planning grant for a 54-Unit Mixed Income Housing Development at 57 Roath Street in Norwich.

The Lower Broadway Jubilee Park project will transform an underutilized area at the core of the City’s downtown into a vibrant public green space for residents and visitors to recreate. The location serves as the epicenter for downtown parade activities and is within three blocks of 100 new Downtown residential units completed in 2025 and another 75 slated to be completed by 2027, including 21 units in the historic Fairhaven Building adjacent to the park that received partial funding in Round 7 of CIF.

“These investments represent an important step forward for our community. The Lower Broadway Jubilee Park project will provide much-needed green space in our downtown and serve as a gathering place for families, residents, and visitors. The proposed 54-unit mixed income housing project proposed by House of Change will strengthen neighborhoods and support the continued growth and revitalization of Norwich by paving a path towards affordability,” said Mayor Singh.

Norwich Community Development Corp (NCDC) President Kevin Brown said, “These projects align with the city’s broader vision to invest in community infrastructure, encourage responsible development, and ensure that Norwich sustains the momentum toward becoming ‘the best small

city in Connecticut'. I'm excited to see that we continue to bring Norwich taxpayer dollars back into our community to make real change."

This was the 8th round of the State's Community Investment Fund grant program, designed to make transformational changes in the State's 57 most distressed communities through over \$600 Million in bonded state funding. This round saw 118 project applications with only 36 recommended.

Mayor Singh expresses his sincere gratitude to the CIF committee and State Leaders such as Senator Bob Duff, President Pro Tem Martin Looney, and Speaker of the House Matt Ritter who took the time to listen intently to the City's needs as expressed by the Mayor during an active and engaged first few months in office.

Mayor Singh also offered that the support of the local delegation was critical to achieving this success, with Senator Cathy Osten and State Representatives Larry Pemberton, Derell Wilson and Doug Dubitsky all signing on in support of these projects.

Finally, Mayor Singh signaled his sincere appreciation for the support from the Governor and the Department of Economic and Community Development which administers the CIF program. "Governor Lamont and DECD Leaders Dan O'Keefe and Matt Pugliese have visited our Downtown together to see first-hand the need for investment in our growing downtown. Without their leadership, interest and support, we simply could not make these transformational changes," he said.

CIF approved projects must ultimately go through the bond commission for final approval by the Governor and the commission to receive these funds. The next bond commission meeting has not yet been scheduled but will likely occur in May or June of 2026.



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