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TO: Members of the City Council

I am in receipt of a request from the Danbury Historic Properties Commission to conduct a citywide mailing of a survey.

Please consider this in committee.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton  
Mayor.



**CITY OF DANBURY HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION**

**REQUEST**

Danbury's Historic Properties' Commission is asking for \$2,800 from this year's budget. We would like authorization to apply for this money. Please put us on the agenda for the next meeting of the City Council. We are optimistic that we can squeeze \$2,800 from the budget to do a project that is instrumental to Danbury's future growth and is in keeping with the Historic Properties' Commission, created by the Mayor and the City Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The Historic Properties Study Committee was established by Mayor Boughton as part of the process to become a Certified Local Government (CLG is a National Park Service Program designed to support local communities in historic preservation). The Study Committee went through the mandated channels to become the Danbury's Historic Properties' Commission. The "long and winding road" as Mr. Elpern described it, includes the following "stops" along the way in the past five years: the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, the Zoning and Planning Commissions, a public hearing, an ad hoc committee review of the Common Council, another public hearing on the Historic Property Ordinance, adoption of the Ordinance by the Common Council, and finally, the application to the state for CLG status. Connecticut's Commission on Culture and Tourism put their stamp of approval on our entire application and sent it to the National Park Service. We became a Certified Local Government, fall of 2011.

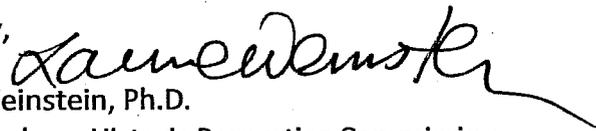
Our purpose in becoming a CLG city was to apply for grant monies, through the federal government and administered via the state's office of Culture and Tourism, to protect, restore, study and survey properties throughout Danbury. Our CLG status makes it possible to apply for a variety of monies for historic preservation. One of the smaller grants to which we wish to apply is the Survey and Planning grant for \$2,800. This grant will enable us to conduct an archaeological survey of sites throughout Danbury. Our goal is to create a predictive model of where sites might be located; the predictive model could then be used as a tool by Planning and Zoning. This predictive survey fits into the long range plan by Connecticut's State Historic Preservation Officer who is conducting a town by town survey of archaeological sites.

The \$2,800 is a reimbursable grant, which means that Danbury would have to set money aside for us; the PI for the survey would give all the receipts to the City to file for reimbursement. Most of the monies requested would go for the mailing of a town-wide survey to residents concerning archaeology on their properties. Residents who voluntarily respond that they have collected artifacts on their properties would then be interviewed; we would examine their artifacts and properties. The remainder of the monies would go toward paying an archaeologist to create a data base, with GIS maps, of our survey results.

We have been working closely with Mary Dunne, Local Government and Grants Coordinator at the Commission on Culture and Tourism.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Laurie Weinstein, Ph.D.  
Chair, Danbury Historic Properties Commission  
Professor, Anthropology  
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**Historic Properties Commission**

5 Members  
3 Alternate Members

**Members:**

Name	Term Ends
Laurie Lee Weinstein	March 1, 2015
Noel MacCarry	March 1, 2014
Todd Knapp	March 1, 2013
Mary G. Saracino	March 1, 2012
Jack A. Robbins	March 1, 2011
Alternates	
Elisa Munoz	March 1, 2011