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April 22, 2012

To: Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Members of City Council

From: Dennis I. Elpern 

Re: Hearthstone Castle  
Grant Application to the CT Trust for Historic Preservation

Attached for your review and approval is a resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton to apply for a grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation.

The application is for Grant Funds for Community/Historic Action Plans to hire a multi-disciplinary team to fashion a realistic strategy for restoration of Hearthstone Castle and to analyze potential future uses which will complement activities of Tarrywile Park.

The planning study will consist of three phases: (1) an update of previous evaluations of the Castle and budget estimates to repair, stabilize and secure the Castle to prevent its further deterioration, and a market analysis of potential users and fundraising strategies; (2) preliminary plans for opening the Castle for limited use; and, (3) a complete needs assessment and cost estimates to fully restore the Castle and grounds. The study will provide the basis for a capital campaign to raise funds for restoration work.

The grant, if approved, will be administered by the Department of Planning & Zoning. A team of representatives from the Tarrywile Park Authority, Friends of Tarrywile Park, and the Danbury Museum & Historical Society will join the Department in reviewing the planning study. Public outreach will be an integral part of the process. We anticipate that the study will take about nine months to complete.

We are requesting funding from the Trust in the amount of \$ 50,000. We are also requesting from City Council approval to provide, if needed, additional funding of up to \$5,000 toward the cost of the study plus in-kind services, including access to its professional planning staff, contract administration, and invoice processing.

This application is contingent upon approval by City Council anticipated at your May meeting and certification of funding by the Finance Director. A resolution is being prepared by Corporation Counsel under separate cover.

c: Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
David St. Hilaire, Finance Director  
Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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**RESOLVED** BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

**WHEREAS** the CT Trust for Historic Preservation has funds available which may be applied for to fund a multi-disciplinary team of professionals to prepare a community/historic action plan for the restoration of Hearthstone Castle; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Planning and Zoning has prepared an application to the Trust for funding for the study; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed amount of funding under the grant is \$ 50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, if the grant application is approved, the City of Danbury will provide additional funding, if needed, of up to \$ 5,000 toward the cost of the study, plus in-kind services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Dennis Elpern as his designee, is authorized to apply for and accept this funding and execute on behalf of the City of Danbury all contracts, agreements or amendments and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.