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**CITY OF DANBURY**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Mark D. Boughton via the City Council  
**FROM:** David W. St. Hilaire, Director of Finance *DWS*  
**DATE:** September 24, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Certification of Funds – Storm Alfred

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Pursuant to the attached request, I hereby certify the availability of \$1,485,126.92 for cleanup of Storm Alfred. The funds will come from FEMA reimbursements to the Special Revenue Fund FEMA1011.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

DWS/dg  
Attachment



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**PAUL D. ESTEFAN**  
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September 19, 2012

TO: Mayor Mark D Boughton

Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Paul D Estefan Director of Civil Preparedness

RE: Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred Report

Mayor Mark D Boughton last year, in 2011 declared two States of Emergencies in the City of Danbury, activated His Emergency Operations Center and His Emergency Operations Plan when we experienced two major storms, six weeks apart that tested all of the Cities Departments and its assets. Hurricane Irene who started on August 27, 2011 and ended on September 01, 2011 saw approximately 38% of the Cities Electrical system out. A Federal Declaration was received from President Obama FEMA 4023DR. With the cooperation and assistance from all Departments that participated in this storm we submitted to FEMA a Total of \$330,858.13 of expenses. We received back 75% of the approved expenses totaling approximately \$248,143.59.

The City was tested again six weeks later on October 27, 2011 with Storm Alfred and the Cities Department acted flawlessly. The City this time experienced 66% of the City with no power and miles of roads with trees and electrical wires down. This time communities surrounding Danbury which is the Hub of Electrical Power to the area saw communities with 100% no power at all. Shelters were once again open long work hours for all departments were the order of the day. The damage to the City this time was extensive and once again President Obama issued a Presidential Declaration FEMA 4046DR.

However our outstanding Forestry Department this time needed a lot of additional assistance in clearing and cleaning up our City. The City utilized a State of Connecticut bid for Debris management #08PSX0027 to help our Public Works Teams cleanup our embattled City. I might add at this time major secondary roads leading north and south of our City were blocked for days until the trees were removed to the side of the roads.

Mayor Mark D Boughton seeing this extensive Damage convened a special meeting of the City Council to deal with this major impact authorizing the cleanup and use of outside contractors on the States Bid list to cleanup all the Cities right of way.



The City of Danbury retained the following firm to do the cleanup," ASHBTRITT".

The City of Danbury retained the following firm to do the monitoring," SAIC".

AshBritt according to SAIC collected 102,642.35 CY of vegetative debris, 3,167 limbs and 49 trees were collected and deposited at the TDSRS at 1 Kennedy Avenue.

The Debris was reduced by AshBritt to 17,877.35 CY and transported to the final disposal site at J.F. Walsh, Inc., 4 Toddy Hill Road, Sandy Hook, CT. where it was processed into mulch.

The Total amount that we were invoiced for this work was \$3,538,302.48. To date we have only paid AshBritt \$2,060,364.59 we currently owe AshBritt \$1,477,937.89.

In the review of the Tree Hangars and Leaner's on the documents that were provided for by SAIC we found that the Global Position Satellite locations that the SAIC monitors put down were not accurate and FEMA disallowed \$25,935.00 from the AshBritt remaining balance leaving us with a final figure of \$1,452,002.89. AshBritt was advised of the \$25,935.00 deduct and have offered no objections.

I am recommending that the City of Danbury Pay the final AshBritt invoice of \$1,452,002.89.

SAIC invoiced the City of Danbury for monitoring services \$331,240.25. We have currently paid SAIC \$298,116.22, leaving the City with of balance of \$33,124.03.

I realize that the initial estimate was for approximately 40,000 CY of debris removal based on a survey of the Public Works Department showing AshBritt around the City. This survey did not in my opinion take into account the tree hangars and leaners that posed a threat to the public as they were located in the public right of way.

We have submitted to date the following information to FEMA for reimbursement under 4046DR;

Public Utilities:	\$ 21,929.89
Highway Department:	\$307,739.05
Police Department:	\$ 3,340.13
Fire Department:	\$ 13,564.43

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Total                                   \$346,573.50 X 0.75% = \$259,930.125 from FEMA

We have invoiced FEMA the payment of \$2,060,364.59 to AshBritt and the \$298,116.22 that the City of Danbury has paid to SAIC.

I am recommending to the Mayor Mark D Boughton and the Honorable Members of the City Council that the Resolution that was passed at the Special Meeting of the City Council in November of 2011 be amended so the City can pay the AshBritt invoice of \$1,452,002.89 and SAIC invoice of \$33,124.03.

The Federal Highway Administration has designated decades ago certain City Roads to be under the Federal Highway System. Federal Emergency Management Agency cannot by law reimburse any communities for cleanup of debris, bridge repairs etc on designated Federal Highways. The City has approximately 21.1 miles of road that fall under this designation. The City has submitted to the Federal Highway Administration reimbursement for the following items which is allowed for by law under the Presidential Declaration,

The Middle River Bridge Approximate cost \$366,690.74

Debris cleanup on federally designated highways \$754,047.00 approximately 21.1 miles of City Roads.

These two costs if approved by FHWA are 100% reimbursable and we should receive \$1,120,737.74

In closing I want to thank all the City Departments that contributed all of their staff time and efforts to the cleanup of our City, every City Department did an outstanding Job.

Sincerely,



Paul D Estefan

Director of Civil Preparedness

Cc: File Estefan95



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

\_\_\_\_\_A.D. 2011

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Danbury, pursuant to City Charter and Title 28 of the Connecticut General Statutes and in conjunction with the Danbury Department of and Director of Civil Preparedness has declared an emergency, due to the effects of Storm Alfred within the limits of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency actions are required to secure lives and property and alleviate conditions affecting residents' homes and access, as well as open City streets and thoroughfares; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to fund contracts and activities that will service these immediate needs, and in accordance with Charter requirements in these circumstances, the City Council must authorize the funding from fund balance; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish the tasks required to handle this emergency, the City will engage the vendor services of Ashbritt, through the procurement mechanism of the State of Connecticut, as well as the services of a monitoring entity, Science Applications International Corporation "SAIC", so as to secure reimbursement funding through FEMA and other sources; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashbritt will secure a site at Kennedy Avenue to handle and process debris materials, in order to most efficiently, rapidly and cost effectively deal with these needs at a central location essential to this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, due to the emergency nature of these requests and needs, formally waives the requirement of a public hearing, normally necessary pursuant to Charter Sec. 7-5.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mayor Mark D. Boughton, and through Paul D. Estefan, Director of Civil Preparedness, pursuant to their existing powers in an emergency, are authorized to secure and consummate all necessary contractual services and materials, site accessibility (including ratifying authorization for the use of the Kennedy Avenue site) as contracted through the auspices of FEMA authorized and State approved disaster remediation vendors and pass-through disaster declaration by the State of Connecticut and the President of the United States.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** funding therefor in an amount as certified herein by the Director of Finance is herewith authorized, together with such other and necessary actions in furtherance hereof, including seeking funding reimbursement and engaging such services as may additionally be required toward these purposes, with such waiver of public hearing and bid as may be necessary under those circumstances.

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*Paul D. Estefan* 11-30-2011