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Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:00 AM
To: Mayor@townofboonsboro.com; TownManager@townofboonsboro.com
Subject: Heart of the Civil War request

Dear Mayor Long and Town Administrator Mantello,

Over the years, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area has been proud to help secure more than \$274,000 in grant awards from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority for projects planned within the Boonsboro town limits. Of course, we also provide technical services, promotion of visitor opportunities in your town, and many other benefits. As a nonprofit organization, we could not serve Boonsboro without contributions from local government, businesses and individuals. This year, we are a bit short of our goal and need your help.

Across our three-county heritage area, the impact of our annual grant activity has been studied and found to generate \$450.2 million in economic contribution, nearly 6,400 jobs, and \$60.3 million in state and local taxes. Places like Boonsboro benefit, but the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area must sustain to continue to make such a difference.

Please consider making a contribution this year before June 30, when we close our fiscal year - most small towns give in the range of \$200-\$500. We would happily receive a check at the address below, but an easy way to give is online at this

link: <https://heartofthecivilwar.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/heartofthecivilwar/donation.jsp>

Thank you for considering this request. Let me know if you'd like an update on the heritage area sometime – one of my favorite things to share!

Sincerely,

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