

## **Gift to the City of Hartford**

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The generosity of three Hartford CEO's in the insurance industry is a large step of many to be taken in order for the city to recover financially.

The insurers expressed interest in supporting the Hartford Public Library, law enforcement and recreation centers.

There is a \$17.3 million budget shortfall that has been projected to rise in the next fiscal year.

The financial problems faced by the city are largely credited to an inadequate tax base and the loss of jobs.

Mayor Luke Bronin has been tirelessly advocating for support from neighboring towns, other companies and collaborative efforts of both the City and the State to invest in Hartford.

Hopefully, the gift of \$50 Million dollars over five years will serve as incentive for investors to validate Hartford as the wonderful capital city that it is.

The work of getting Hartford to "Healthy Status" is well underway. The details of how the money is to be distributed has yet to be decided. Mayor Bronin and the CEO's will work together during the process.

On behalf Of AHNA, we would like to extend our many thanks to all three corporations for their generosity.