

## The City of Hamilton's Contribution towards Business Improvement Area(BIA) Operating Budgets

Upon approval of the annual current budget by the City of Hamilton, the Urban Renewal Division will determine funding for each BIA. The funding is to be used toward their operating budgets.

It was approved by the Business Improvement Areas Advisory Committee (BIAAC) that the eligible costs will include:

- Purchase of street furniture (benches, planters, banners, murals etc.)
- Maintenance of street furniture
- Costs to hire individuals to clean/maintain the public road allowance
- Purchase and maintenance of hanging flower baskets
- Christmas decorations and their maintenance
- Office Equipment
- Office Maintenance/Improvement

In the event that a unique special event is being held, e.g. World Cycling Championship, consideration will be made for funding initiatives to promote the area in which the event is being held. Funding will not be available for promoting regular special events. Promotional activities of BIAs are not an eligible expense under the City's program.

Individual BIAs are required to take their funding requests to a BIA advisory committee meeting for review and approval. The request and approval must be received within the calendar year and should also be spent within the calendar year.

As amended at the August 20,2013 meeting of the BIA Advisory Committee.