

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TRUST FUND

BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET

The 2003-04 Proposed Budget for the Business Improvement District Trust Fund relates to current year funding as follows:

	Amount	% Change
2002-03 Adopted Budget	\$ 250,000	
2003-04 Proposed Budget	\$ 309,000	
Change from 2002-03 Budget	\$ 59,000	24%

The Business Improvement District Fund was established by Mayor and Council action (C.F. 96-0482) to provide seed money for the formation of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and to pay assessments on City-owned properties within the boundaries of active BIDs. The seed money is used to retain consultants who work on behalf of new or renewing BIDs to conduct feasibility studies and perform other activities related to BID formation.

The City's BID policy allows a maximum of \$75,000 to be allocated for formation assistance for each new or renewing BID. Of this amount, up to \$40,000 may be made available in the form of a grant for a feasibility study and the \$35,000 balance may be made available in the form of a loan for formation activities. There are currently about 32 active BIDs and 24 BIDs in some stage of formation.

The 2003-04 Proposed Budget does not include funding for seed money. Budgeted funds are to be used to pay for assessments on City properties. The City Clerk administers this Fund.

