Mr. Bob Bratina  
Chair  
City of Hamilton Board of Health  
Hamilton City Hall  
2nd Floor - 71 Main Street West  
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mr. Bratina:

I am pleased to confirm that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has approved one-time funding of up to $7,000 at 100% for the City of Hamilton, Public Health Services for the period ending March 31, 2011 to support the promotion of healthy sexuality and local sexual health programs. Health units are encouraged to conduct activities specific to sexual health during the week of February 12 – February 18, 2011 given Canada’s Sexual and Reproductive Health Day on February 12, 2011.

In a subsequent letter, Allison J. Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, will be writing to Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, City of Hamilton, Public Health Services, to provide the accountability and administrative details.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for the important work you do in providing sexual health services to your community.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Deb Matthews
Minister

C: Ted McMeekin, MPP, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale
Gerry Martiniuk, MPP, Cambridge
Andrea Horwath, MPP, Hamilton Centre
Honourable Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP, Hamilton Mountain
Paul Miller, MPP, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek
Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
Dear Dr. Richardson:

Further to the recent letter from the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, approving one-time funding of up to $7,000 at 100% for the City of Hamilton, Public Health Services for the period ending March 31, 2011 to support the promotion of healthy sexuality and local sexual health programs, I am pleased to provide the accountability and administrative details.

Please note that this one-time funding is subject to the following conditions:

1. Activities should preferably take place during the week of February 12 - 18, 2011;
2. This funding is to be used for promotion and educational purposes relating to sexual health issues as well as promotion of the local sexual health clinics and services;
3. Funding used to develop, reproduce and distribute communication, promotion and educational materials must be able to be distributed widely. Examples include electronic materials for a website; fact sheets; printed flyers; advertising in local media;
4. This funding is not to be utilized to educate staff, or to purchase clinic supplies with the exception of purchasing condoms to promote the local sexual health clinics. The ministry will not reimburse for items such as prizes or meals/snacks to improve utilization of clinical services;
5. Health units must provide a written evaluation to the ministry by May 31, 2011 indicating populations reached, activities implemented and successes and challenges faced;
6. This funding is subject to both the 2010 program-based grants terms and conditions that apply to the provincial base funding provided to public health units;
7. Further to Section 16 of the 2010 Program-Based Grants Terms and Conditions, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care requires that health units’ 2010 audited financial statements include confirmation from a licensed public accountant of the expenditures related to this grant for the period January 1 to March 31, 2011;
8. Funds must be fully expensed no later than March 31, 2011;
9. A consolidated invoice for no more than $7000.00 must be submitted to the ministry. Invoice(s) must be dated and received on or before March 31, 2011; and
10. Funding will be flowed upon receipt and approval of the consolidated invoice(s).
In the event the ninth condition cannot be met, an estimation of costs incurred up to March 31, 2011 should be reported to the ministry no later than March 31, 2011. All the consolidated invoices that have not been submitted to the ministry by March 31, 2011, must be submitted no later than May 31, 2011; otherwise, health units will not be reimbursed for these costs.

Please send your acceptance of the above conditions to:

Jennifer Pritchard
Nurse Consultant
Public Health Protection and Prevention Branch
Public Health Division
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
1075 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto ON M5S 2B1

As you are aware, Ontario has felt the effects of the global recession and is running a deficit in order to create jobs and protect public services. While the contributions of those who deliver public services are valued and appreciated, the public also expects those who are paid by tax dollars to do their part to help sustain public services.

The government has passed the Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act 2010, which freezes compensation plans for all non-bargaining employees in the broader public sector, including the Ontario Public Service, for two years. For employees who bargain collectively, the government will respect all current collective agreements. When these agreements expire and new contracts are negotiated, the government will work with transfer payment partners and bargaining agents to seek agreements of at least two years' duration that do not include net compensation increases. The fiscal plan provides no funding for compensation increases for future collective agreements.

Funding provided by the province to transfer payment partners and agencies is for the purpose of providing and protecting public services and is not to be diverted to fund increases in employee compensation.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Pritchard at (416) 327-7430 or by email at jennifer.pritchard@ontario.ca

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in protecting and promoting the health of Ontarians.

Yours truly,

Allison J. Stuart
Assistant Deputy Minister
Dr. Richardson

c: Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health
   Bob Bratina, Chair, City of Hamilton Board of Health
   Helen Klumpp, Manager, Finance and Administration, City of Hamilton, Public Health Services
   Pier Falotico, Director, Financial Management Branch, Corporate Services Division
   Nina Arron, Director, Public Health Protection and Prevention Branch, Public Health Division

A signature from a representative, who has the authority to bind the board of health for your health unit, is required below to indicate acceptance of the conditions, as noted above.

Health Unit Name ____________________________

Signature____________________________________

Name________________________________________

Position_______________________________________

Date__________________________________________