



**City of Milwaukee
Budget and Management
Intra-Office Memo**

To: Finance and Personnel Committee Members
Mark Nicolini, Budget and Management Director

From: Eric C. Pearson

Date: October 25, 2010

Subject: Question on CDBG Funding for Clean & Green

At the Finance and Personnel Committee Budget Hearing on the Grant and Aid Fund held on October 6, 2010, there was a question that required follow-up:

1. Can CDBG funding be used for Clean & Green activities?

In the past, CDBG funds have been used for the Weekend Neighborhood Box Program.

In the 2011 CDBG Funding Allocation Plan, no funding was provided for the Neighborhood Box Program. Similarly, no CDBG funding was provided in 2010. The reasons are that (1) relative to other CDBG funded activities, the Weekend Box Program is a lower priority and (2) the DPW Operations operating budget provides sufficient funding for Clean & Green activities. Regarding the last point, the 2011 DPW Operations budget includes \$80,000 for the weekend box program that can be applied anywhere in the city, full funding is provided for the Clean & Green initiative operated city-wide, and self-help centers are available six days a week at no charge (excluding construction debris).

If CDBG funding was to be allocated to Clean & Green activities, our recommendation is that this funding be allocated through a reprogramming commitment, rather than reallocating funds within the 2011 Funding Allocation Plan.

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