



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

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

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Subject: CDBG Funding of Nuisance Control Officer Positions

The Mayor's 2006 proposed budget eliminates two Nuisance Control Officer positions in the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS). At the October 24 Finance and Personnel Committee budget hearing on DNS, the Chair asked if it would be possible to use any Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to fund the two Nuisance Control Officer positions.

Services funded through the CDBG program must be new or expanded services. CDBG funds cannot be used simply to supplant existing local funding. The regulations specifically state that a service funded with CDBG dollars must be a new or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above that provided by or on behalf of the unit of general local government during the prior twelve month period.

Using CDBG dollars to restore the two Nuisance Control Officer positions to the budget would not be an eligible activity under CDBG regulations.

Code enforcement activities are eligible for CDBG funding. CDBG funds could be used to expand nuisance control code enforcement activities. However, this would require adding positions to the current number of tax levy supported positions. As discussed at the budget hearing, there are 18 operating funded Nuisance Control Officer positions in the 2005 DNS budget.

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