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## MEMO

**To:** Ald. Tony Zielinski  
**From:** Amy E. Hefter, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
**Date:** 1/10/2008  
**Subject:** Milwaukee Christian Center graffiti removal funding

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The following is in response to your request for information regarding Community Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated to the Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) for its graffiti removal program.

Within the CDBG funding category Housing – Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) the amounts of CDBG funds that the MCC has allocated to its graffiti removal program for the years 2004 through 2008 are listed on the table below. The Community Development Grants Administration provided this information, as the MCC graffiti removal program is part of a larger neighborhood improvement project supported by CDBG funds.

<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2004	\$285,061
2005	\$106,000
2006	\$50,000*
2007	\$39,557*
2008	\$0
*CDBG Reprogramming Funds	

The MCC graffiti removal program is part of its Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP) program. The MCC provides a variety of services through its NIP program. These services include housing rehabilitation, minor home repair, a handicap ramp program, affordable housing production, a Youthbuild program, as well as a graffiti removal program.

The MCC graffiti removal program is a citywide service provided for both residential and commercial structures. The removal process may include repainting, chemical removal, pressure washing or soda blasting. The services provided depend upon ownership and use of the building, as well as the age and health of the owner. MCC eligibility requirements for free removal services require that the applicant must be an elderly or disabled City of Milwaukee owner-occupant of a single family home or duplex. To receive free paint or chemical removal products

for self-removal (do it yourself), the property must be a single family home or duplex in the City of Milwaukee.

I hope this information will prove useful to you. Please feel free to contact me at x2290 with any questions for further data.

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