

REQUEST TO

FOR GRANT

S U M M A R Y

ORGANISATION

Name Greater Manchester Housing and
Disability Group

Contact Address CVS or IVHA
Tel

Contact Person

Aims Promotion of independent living
of physically impaired people in
the wider community

Status Working group of providers and
users of housing and care support

FUNDING

Overall Grants of £64,000 over three
requirements years

Requirement (organisation)
from grant of between £1,500 and
£7,000 per annum for three years

Administration (organisation name, address,
contact)

SUPPORTING PAPERS APPENDED

1. Submission for grant
2. Membership and aims of the Group
3. Detailed Budget

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SUBMISSION FOR GRANT FOR THREE YEARS' EMPLOYMENT COSTS
OF A DEVELOPMENT WORKER

1. Background

The Greater Manchester Housing and Disability Group was established in 1981 following the International Year of Disabled People. Details of membership and aims are appended. The enthusiastic response of many individuals and organisations to the work of the Group and the substantial flow of inquiries directed to the Group give clear evidence of the local need for such a body.

Having generated a number of practical projects for independent living in the Greater Manchester Area and a substantial workload of individual inquiries and requests for information the Group now wish to appoint a full-time worker on a three-year contract. Their job will be to promote further innovative schemes for accommodation with appropriate care support which will provide models for other voluntary and Statutory agencies in the region.

2. Objective

It is not the intention of the present Group that a permanent organisation should be established. However, the pressure of enquiries generated by our initial efforts and the urgent need to establish further local examples of good practice create demands far greater than can be met through the efforts of individual Group members or through the secretariat of Greater Manchester Council for Voluntary Service. The objective of employing a full-time worker is therefore to channel local enquiries and promote further local initiatives which will create sufficient awareness amongst both providers and potential users in the region that the movement towards independent living will gather a self-sustaining momentum within a three year period. In this regard the project will make an important input into the developing programme for schemes of "Care in the Community".

3. Job Brief

The tasks of the development worker will fall principally under the following headings:-

- 3.1 Establishing contacts systematically throughout the Greater Manchester Area with statutory and voluntary agencies concerned with housing provision and care support. Promotion of options for independent living amongst these agencies.
- 3.2 Establishing contact systematically with physically disabled people potentially requiring independent living (eg residents of Young Disabled Units) and explaining the options for independent living to them.
- 3.3 Identification of independent living schemes and options within the Greater Manchester area and its environs. Identification of agencies able to provide support services for independent living.
- 3.4 Establishment, where appropriate, of pilot schemes for independent living in collaboration with housing and care support agencies to demonstrate the full range of options available.
- 3.5 Monitoring and report on the progress of independent living initiatives in Greater Manchester and environs. Dissemination of information on progress.
- 3.6 Liaison with national research projects collating systematic information on independent living schemes. Extraction and local promotion of information from these and other sources.
- 3.7 Development of the Greater Manchester Housing and Disability Group as a forum for promotion and discussion of independent living options in the Greater Manchester area.
- 3.8 Preparation of reports to the Steering Group and funding agencies.

4. Funding

Although the Group has raised the finance to produce and disseminate a video on independent living we do not have any funds for payment of full-time staff. Members will provide accommodation and associated overheads. We are therefore applying for the full setting up cost and annual salary and running costs - a total of £64,000. The Group take the view

that we should engage the support of as wide a range of organisations as possible and are therefore approaching not only charitable funding organisations but volume builders, building societies and Statutory bodies. Finance will be required in the form of a grant and we are asking for contributions of from £4,000 (20% of one year costs) to £20,000 (one year's running costs) spread over three years. We aim to secure funding for the financial year 1985/6 appointing with effect from April 1985. To-date no funds have been secured.

5. Administration and control

Accounting and administrative services will be provided by who will act as the employer. The worker will report to a Steering Committee drawn from members of the Group meeting on a two monthly basis with overall responsibility for supporting and directing the project. An annual report will be made to all sponsoring bodies by the development worker and by the Chair of the Steering Group.

6. Further information

This submission has been approved by members of the Group at their meeting on 21st September 1984. Further information may be obtained from who would also be available for interview on reasonable notice.

signed

APPENDIX I

GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING & DISABILITY GROUP

1. **What is the Greater Manchester Housing and Disability Group?**

During the year of the Disabled in 1981 a number of disabled people and workers in the caring professions gave a presentation on independent living to the Greater Manchester Housing Associations Group. Following this meeting representatives of disabled people and providers of housing and care support, established a regular Working Group - the Greater Manchester Housing & Disability Group - to explore ways of providing suitable independent accommodation for disabled people.

2. **Why is such a Group necessary?**

Information on alternatives to institutional living is not easily available. Neither the statutory authorities nor disabled people themselves are fully informed of the range of possibilities for providing independent living in the community. The broad purpose of the group is to provide a local source of information on this subject.

3. **What are the Group's objectives?**

- a) To promote within Greater Manchester County independent living of physically impaired people in the wider community, by encouraging the provision of suitable housing with any necessary care support schemes.
- b) To monitor progressive developments in forms of housing provision and support systems with the intention of raising awareness of these developments amongst appropriate organisations and agencies.
- c) To promote the active involvement of physically impaired people and organisations, throughout Greater Manchester, in housing and care support issues.
- d) To assist individuals with their housing and support problems in so far as the resources of the Group will allow.

4. **Who belongs to the Group?**

The status of the Group is that of an ad hoc working group and members primarily attend in an individual capacity. Anyone with relevant experience or interest and a particular interest in the field is welcomed. To ensure that all appropriate interests within the County are represented the Group periodically reviews its membership and attempts to make good omissions by invitation. The present membership of the Group is listed in the reverse of this sheet.

5. **What has been done to date (May 1983)?** *See revision*

With substantial help from Greater Manchester CVS and from Greater Manchester County the Group organised a day conference on Housing and Care Support in October 1982. In preparation for the conference the Group financed a video on alternatives to institutional care produced by Dennis Pass of Manchester Polytechnic and in March 1983 secured two edited versions and appropriate video equipment for hire. The video is available to housing and social services committees, to groups of disabled people and any other groups interested in the subject, nationally and in Greater Manchester where a speaker is also available. The Group has also contributed to many major conferences during the last year and the demand for further showings of the video and/or information is increasing. Finally many of the recent Independent Living options which have been developed in the North West can be traced directly to an initial introduction by the GM Housing & Disability Group.

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GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING & DISABILITY GROUP
MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

Chairman

Peter Norman Director, Irwell Valley Housing Association Ltd; NW Regional Representative on National Federation of Housing Associations.

Members

Margaret Bone	Spinal Injuries Association and Tameside
Stephen Brady	Oldham Disability Action Group.
Marg Cooper	Secretary, Manchester Disability Action Group.
Chris Drinkwater	Rochdale Housing & Disability Group.
Martin Field	Coordinator, Manchester Disability Forum.
Bill Finlay	Project Manager, Housing Department, Bolton; Author of "Housing & Disability - A Report on the Housing Needs of Physically Handicapped People in Rochdale".
Bernard Gosschalk	Architect. School of Architecture, University of Manchester; NW Regional Secretary, Housing Centre Trust.
Judith Gray	Community Physician, North Manchester Health Authority.
John Gregory	Social Services Department, Oldham.
Anita Hadfield	Senior Housing Welfare Officer, Oldham M D Council.
Chris Haynes	Housing Department, Rochdale. <i>Bolton</i>
Zena Homewood	Regional Organiser, Community Service Volunteers.
Kevin Hyett	Socialist Disability Action Group.
Ken Lumb	Representative Union of Physically Impaired Against Segregation.
June Maelzer	Chairman, Manchester Access Committee.
Patrick Mbatha	Bolton Health Authority.
Eileen Milnes	Spastics Society National Executive Council.
Dennis Pass	Lecturer Educational TV, Educational Services Unit, Manchester Polytechnic.
Roger Phillips	Regional Housing Manager, North British Housing Association Ltd.
Reuben Saffer	North West & Cooperative Services Ltd
Louise Silburn	North West Region, The Spastics Society.
Don Simpson	Borough Housing Officer, Rochdale.
Agnes Shepherdson	"Operations Control Group", Social Services Department, Lancashire.
Sadie Smith	Social Worker for the Mobility Impaired, Social Services Department, Lancashire
Roy Southern	Assistant District Administrator, South Manchester Health Authority.
Dorothy Whitaker	Field Worker, Greater Manchester Council for Voluntary Service.
Chris Withnall	Regional Housing Manager, Collingwood Housing Association Ltd; Housing Institute.

5. What has been done to date (September 1984)

Information

- (i) Organisation of a Day Conference on Housing and Care Support in October 1982
- (ii) Production and dissemination of a video "INDEPENDENT LIVING - The alternatives to segregating residential institutions for physically disabled people" which has been shown to groups and organisations in the last two years
- (iii) Presentations by Group members to local authorities and organisations in the Greater Manchester area
- (iv) Preparation and dissemination of an Information Pack

Projects

The following schemes ^{at} adapted accommodation and associated care support have been initiated through contact with the Group

- (i)⁶ houses at Lucerne Road, Preston on the Focus model, built by North British Housing Association in conjunction with Lancashire Social Services and Community Service Volunteers (CSV)
- (ii) 2 flats at Cromwell Road, Eccles, built by Irwell Valley Housing Association with the support of Salford Social Services and C S V

etc as in list of March 1984

Monitoring

Members of the Group are currently documenting the range of models for independent living that have been tried nationally and monitoring, in each Local Authority area, progress made by Statutory bodies.

APPENDIX-B BUDGET

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Revenue				
Researcher <i>Development Worker</i>	£ 10,400	} x 1.05	} x 1.05	} <i>4231</i>
Secretary/Admin	5,700			
Postage/Stationery/Telephone	500			
Conference Fees	1,200			
Publications	180			
Car allowance	1,120			
Sub-total Revenue	£ 19,100	20,100	21,000	£ 60,200
Capital				
Typewriter	1,200			
Computer	1,500			
Furniture	600			
Telephone	80			
	3,380			3,380
Grand Total				£ 63,580