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URBAN PROGRAMME CIRCULAR 18—APPLICATION FORM

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

PROJECT TITLE ~~Advice Worker for Portuguese Community Centre~~ Project

PROJECT PRIORITY (to be inserted in box opposite by local authority)
(See Paragraph 11 of Circular before completing this section)

- 1. (a) NAME OF CATCHMENT AREA TO BE SERVED BY THE PROPOSED PROJECT:
- (b) APPROXIMATE POPULATION OF CATCHMENT AREA:

I 2. WHAT BRIEF EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE OF THE SOCIAL NEED IN THE AREA? (See Paragraphs 3 of Circular. Give statistical details if available.)
 The North Kensington area has been identified as an area of multiple deprivation in a range of studies, including the Milner - Holland report the 1969 Notting Hill Housing Survey and borough and GLC studies in the early 1970s. These studies show that the area contains substantial proportions of overcrowded accommodation, and the tendency towards the subdivision of housing continues. In 1971 some 73% of households were in private rented sector. Furthermore about 28% of the economically active male population is engaged in semi - or unskilled work. It is clear that members of the migrant and immigrant communities - particularly in this instance,

3. WHICH ORGANISATION PROPOSES TO RUN THE PROJECT? (If a local authority, please state department.)
 Portuguese Community Centre Management Committee

4. WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE PROJECT? (Not a description—see question 8.)
 The aims of the project are to provide a casework advice service and a base for the Portuguese Community Centre.

1. To provide a private office for advice giving, counselling and the safe keeping of documents and casenotes, and a public meetings room for cultural and community activities.
2. To provide a full-time casework service, giving direct advice, undertaking referrals and acting as a representative or interpreter.
3. To further the development of community activities undertaken by the Centre.
4. To enhance and develop the work now undertaken on a completely voluntary basis by the Portuguese Community Centre



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the Portuguese community - tend to live in the worst accommodation and in be employed in the least well paid and least secure occupations, especially in the catering and hotel trades.

Finally there is a shortage of community facilities in the area, especially for ethnic minorities, and a great need for "specialised" facilities for particular groups, catering for childcare, language training, cultural activities, social activities, etc.

5. WHAT AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE IS PROPOSED FOR GRANT-AID? (At actual prices, estimated for 1979-80.)

(a) capital: £

(b) re-current non-capital: £

(c) non-recurrent non-capital: £

(Full details to be given in Part II below).

6. HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT DIRECTLY AND FROM WHAT SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY? (e.g. children, unemployed, school leavers, handicapped; giving age ranges where appropriate.)

The project will benefit both the migrant and immigrant members of the Portuguese community in the area, both individuals and families.

Insofar as the project will be linked to a specialist advice and specialist legal agencies in the area, members of the group to whom the project is directed with benefit from wider support than this project itself indicates.

7. (a) WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT ETHNIC MINORITIES? (If so, in what way?)

The whole project is aimed specifically at an ethnic minority group.

(b) HAS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL BEEN CONSULTED AND, IF SO, WHAT ARE ITS VIEWS?

This project has been discussed with the borough's Community Relations Adviser

8. PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT (Applications for re-approval of grant on time-expired projects should describe what the project has achieved to date and what it aims to achieve in the future.)

The catchment area which the project will serve includes some 4,000 Portuguese individuals and households for whom no other facilities exist specifically for this group. The project is seen as an essential development of work now being undertaken by the Portuguese Community Centre, on a voluntary basis. The Centre was opened 4 years ago. (1) it provides an advice service on a wide range of problems - employment, and unemployment, housing and welfare rights, issues concerning work permits and immigration law. This advice is offered by members of the community itself through advice sessions organised at the Centre. The Centre provides support for individuals and families in their contact with local statutory agencies, including for example, social services, the DHSS, the Rent officer service, and acts in such a way on to clarify the problems for other agencies, to help solve some ^{problems} directly and to provide continuous support within the community. But at present the demand for this service well exceeds the resources that the Centre can provide on a purely voluntary basis. The worker would therefore spend approximately half of his/her time supporting clients at, for example, the social services department, the Rent Tribunal, the Home Office, acting as a representative and interpreter. ~~The worker would co-ordinate the voluntary help which the Centre now provides.~~

(2) Grant aid is sought for a permanent office, as compared with the existing premises which are both temporary and physically unsuitable in a number of ways. Space is required for a private office and a place for meetings and community activities.

(3) The resources that the project will provide will help the development of the Centre's community activities which include language classes, a creche a Portuguese Theatre Group, social functions for children and adults, and it is hoped that the project will also encourage participation in local residents activities, particularly concerning poor housing conditions. The social functions will play an important role in encouraging contact between Portuguese people, particularly because of language and cultural barriers serve to increase the isolation of many people. Many of the Centre's activities, such as the evening classes in basic English, act in some ways as a bridge to the wider community, as well as being important

community activities in their own right.

(4) Many portuguese are now resident in the area. Others are actively employed on work permits. The Community is in many ways a stable one, people not leaving the area because of the importance of maintaining links with fellow Portuguese and to be near to jobs in central London. The project will therefore act as a focus for the development local Portuguese community.

9. WHAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE OR ARE PROPOSED FOR MONITORING THE PROJECT?

The Migrant Services Unit of the London Council of Social Service has agreed to monitor the project, particularly in monitoring the casework undertaken, the preparation of statistical data, and discussion of the policy implications of the casework undertaken.

10. HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE EMPLOYED? (Please state briefly what their duties will be and give details of type of staff with salary scales. In the case of proposed voluntary organisation staff it would be helpful if the equivalent local authority grade could be given in each case.)

The project proposes to employ one advice worker who will be paid on local authority scale A.P.4. (This grade is essential bearing in mind the range of problems which the worker will be expected to deal with and be fluent in two languages) A detailed description of the work to be undertaken is embodied in Question 8

11. WHAT IS THE EXISTING LEVEL OF SIMILAR PROVISION IN THE CATCHMENT AREA? (Brief details, please.)

There is no other centre catering for the Portuguese community, in the area. Other advice and welfare agencies rely extensively on the support provided by this Centre for the Portuguese community. No other place offers cultural and community activities for the local Portuguese community.

II COST: How much expenditure is proposed for grant-aid? (If approved, grant-aid will be paid at the rate of 75% of expenditure incurred by the local authority.) Expenditure should be given at actual prices estimated for 1979-80.

A. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- a. Land
- b. Building costs
- c. Professional fees
- d. Furniture, equipment, etc.
- e. Other capital expenditure (Please specify)

- i.
- ii.

TOTAL £

- f. Loan charges in:
 - i. the financial year of commencement
 - ii. a full financial year

B. NON-CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: RECURRENT

- a. Employees (incl. salaries, NI superannuation)
- b. Administrative expenses
- c. Rents
- d. Rates, heating, lighting, etc.
- e. Equipment and materials (*other than* capital expenditure shown at A.d above)
- f. Transport
- g. Other running expenses (Please specify)

- i. Telephone.....
- ii. Information leaflets, publicity
- iii. Postage, etc.....

TOTALS £

C. NON-CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: NON-RECURRENT
(Please specify)

- a. Specialist Books & initiating administration
- b.

TOTAL £

Financed by loan £	Financed from revenue £
	150 (d)
	150
Financial year of commencement £	Full financial year £
	5,148
	3,250 (c, d)
	200
	200
	50
	8,948
Financial year of expenditure	£
1978.....-198...	75
197.....-198...	

COST:- NOTES

These calculation include £150 for office furniture, an annual wage based on A.P.4 starting at £4,680 and paying an office rent of up to £3,250 for possibly 250 to 300 square feet of office space. (A satisfactory office is unlikely to cost less than this "on the market" but cheaper accommodation from statutory bodies will be sought).

