

MENTAL PATIENTS' ASSOCIATION

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November 5, 1971

Mr. William Herd
Regional Co-ordinator
Special Employment Program
Department of Manpower and Immigration
1155 West Pender Street
6th Floor
Vancouver 1, B.C.

Dear Mr. Herd:

On behalf of the Mental Patients Association, I am enclosing two copies of the application for funds through the Local Initiatives Program.

We are applying for twelve salaries to expand a service program which has shown itself to be highly successful and urgently needed in the community.

We believe that our application conforms to all the specifications of the Local Initiatives Program: 1) We are a registered, non-profit society; 2) Our services are absolutely innovative; 3) The project makes a substantial contribution to community betterment; 4) We will create additional employment by performing services no one else is performing and by hiring unemployed persons (ex-mental patients) who find it difficult to obtain work in the competitive job market; 5) These new jobs can be put into effect immediately.

As our application is lengthy, in order to aid the reader we have included on the following page an explanatory note on the contents of the application and on the pages immediately following the application forms a Table of Contents.

We do hope the Local Initiatives Program will see fit to support us in our work which is so desperately needed by so many underprivileged people. Thank you very kindly for your consideration.

Yours very truly,



Lanny Beckman
Project Director

November 8, 1971

Mr. F.C. Mackie
Department of Manpower and Immigration
Room 328
Bourque Building
305 Rideau Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0J9

Dear Mr. Mackie:

I am enclosing a copy of the application which we have submitted to the Regional Office of the Department of Manpower and Immigration regarding a grant through the Local Initiatives Program.

We received funds through the Opportunities for Youth Program last summer. This grant played a vital role in helping us to establish our organization. As our work is not seasonal, OFY Officers have been aiding us in seeking funds from other sources for the winter. Naturally, when the Local Initiatives Program was announced, they suggested this would be a very likely source of funds. They also suggested that we bring to your attention our previous connection with OFY. A grant through the Local Initiatives Program will enable us to sustain and expand the work which was begun with OFY support.

MPA represents an entirely novel concept in community organizing. Working against very large odds, we are demonstrating how down-and-out people can work together to make real improvements in the quality of their lives.

Our accomplishments, as presented in the application, speak for themselves. We badly need support for the winter. Any help you can offer will be deeply appreciated.

Thanks very kindly.

Sincerely,

Lanny Beckman
Project Director