

Proposed Project:

What is the name of the proposed project?

Housing Development Project

Please give a brief description of the proposed project:

The money would be used to pay for support to help people with challenging behaviour find housing. The support would be from Housing Options (a national organisation supporting people with learning disabilities to find housing) and the Challenging Behaviour Foundation. Housing Options would work with council staff as well as people and their families to find ways of solving problems to find the right housing. Each person supported would cost £2000, but one person would be free. So, for £8000, 5 people could be supported.

The people supported would have learning disabilities and challenging behaviour and who have particular problems finding housing, meaning they are faced with living far from Brighton & Hove or in housing or accommodation that is not right for them

What are the name and contact details of Organisation that would deliver the project?

The project would be managed through Brighton & Hove City Council, contact:

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Does your organisation currently receive funding from Brighton & Hove city council? NO

The money would go to Housing Options who do not receive any funding from Brighton & Hove City Council.

If yes, please briefly describe what funding you receive already:

If No, is your organisation accredited with the council? NO

Priorities:

Which of the four priorities would your project meet? How will the project meet these priorities?

1. Delivering improved value for money through innovation and new ways of working

People would be supported to find housing instead of needing residential care that costs a lot of money. Also, often people are challenging because their housing is not right. By getting people the right housing their challenging behaviour can be reduced along with their support costs.

2. Improved equality through access to mainstream services

People with learning disabilities with complex needs often find it difficult to access housing, and end up in specialist accommodation services. This project will help them access ordinary housing, along with the right support.

3. Maximising independence through supporting move on and reducing need for support

People would be moved on from residential care, or would avoid needing residential care. They will still need support, but this will be reduced to the minimum as their housing needs will be met properly. They will be living as independently as possible in their own communities.

4. Prevention of the need for support/increased need for support

People would have the right housing, meaning that they would be prevented from needing additional support because of where they live.

Criteria

Please explain how your project would meet all of the following criteria.

1. What are the benefits and outcomes?

(What would your project achieve for people with learning disabilities and how will you show evidence of the benefits?)

We hope that this project will support 5 people with LD and challenging behaviour to access ordinary housing, improving their lives and helping them manage their behaviour. Housing Options are also hoping to write up 'case studies' to be examples of good practice to be shared locally and nationally. We also expect that

this project will give us skills and knowledge to make progress in the future with other people.

2. What is the added value of the project?

(The something extra this project would do that is not being done already)

People with LD and very challenging behaviour are almost always in residential care, and many are outside the city. We have found it difficult in the past to find a way to meet their needs with ordinary housing and we hope this project will break down some barriers and help us find new ways of working. This will also mean a lot of joint working – with Housing Options, the local housing department, social workers, commissioning, behaviour specialists and people and their families – to get housing right for some of our most complex people.

3. How would you make sure the project can be set up and money spent by March?

We are already in talks with Housing Options and are identifying people who could work with them. We should be able to have that in place and to start on the project in September 2011.

4. What is the on-going benefit?

(The benefits, effects or learning that continues after March 2011)

We will be learning across departments about how to get the right housing for people. As part of the project we will develop new ways of assessing people's housing needs that we can keep and share, and we will also develop housing 'pathways' to help people in the future. The project will also involve writing up case studies and sharing them locally and nationally.

Funding:

How much LDDF money does your proposal need in 2011-2012?
(Maximum £20,000 per project)

£8000

What would the funding be spent on?

Paying Housing Options to help us support 5 clients into ordinary housing (£2000 each and one free)

Is there anything else you want us to know?