

Member of Scottish Women's Aid.



Chief Executive
District Council Offices
CLYDEBANK G81 1TG.

Dear Sir

We are writing in support of Clydebank Women's Aid, who are making application for funding which is being considered at a meeting of the Council on 9th November 1992.

The questions which must be asked at the meeting are as follows:

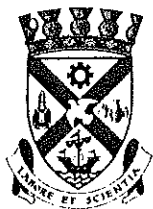
Can the Council afford not to give Clydebank Women's Aid funding?
Consider the cost of homeless accommodation, bed and breakfast, supported accommodation for young homeless and children considered at risk and being taken into care through their mother leaving a violent partner, thus being homeless.

In the present economic climate and reductions in services to the community who is going to provide this specialist service and at what cost. Women's Aid offer a comprehensive range of services specifically to deal with these difficulties.

Considering the difficulty of operating the service with 50% funding since April 1991, it is a measure of the commitment of the workers that the service has managed to continue so far.

Please consider these implications and decide favourably upon the grant application.

Yours sincerely
GRYFFE WOMEN'S AID.



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Chief Executive

2nd November 1992

Dear Women's Aid

Thank you very much for your letter of 28th October 1992 regarding the matter of funding for Clydebank Women's Aid.

I can advise you that your comments have been noted and your support for Clydebank Women's Aid will be intimated to the members of the Council.

Perhaps I could take this opportunity to draw your attention to a number of issues regarding this matter.

The District Council has for many years supported the project by providing property at a rental far less than the market value for the accommodation. It has also maintained a generally good relationship with refuge staff and members of Women's Aid, and the Council is extremely well placed in relation to the recommendations from COSLA's recent Working Party on Women and Violence.

Responsibility for funding the project rests primarily with the Regional Council's Social Work department, and no approach was made to this authority until after Urban Aid funding had ended. The timing of the approach was also too late to allow funding to be made available for the year to March 1992, and any shortage should have been provided for by SRC.

The District Council has a duty to ensure that any project which it might fund, meets appropriate operational and management standards.

I hope that these brief outlines will be helpful.

Thank you once again for taking the time to comment.

Yours sincerely,

Officer