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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
TOTAL BUDGET OF THE ORGANISATION - R131 590
How MUCH IS THE ORGANISATION ASKING FOR FROM wu5(1) - R108 580
YEAR FOR WHICH THE FUNDS ARE REQUESTED - 1992
NHAT WILL THE AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM NUS BE USED FOR? - Salaries,
administration, vehicle.
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BUDGET INFORMATION:

1. SALARIES AND STAFF BENEFITS

Co-ordinator e R2 599 x 13

Fieldworker e R2 000 x 13

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TOTAL 58

2. IMPLEMENTATION COSTS

Administration costs

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3. PROGRAMME COSTS

workshops

Books and newspapers

Training of staff

Videos hired/purchased

Vehicle maintenance

Petrol

Accommodation

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TOTAL

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4. CAPITAL COSTS

Equipment - photocopying machine

Typewriter

Desks x 2

Filing cabinet

Book shelves

Chairs x 8

Vehicle

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32

TOTAL R 39

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : R131

bTHER FUNDING SOURCES - None

HISTORY OF THE PROJECT: 0

The rural areas in the Boland region around Worcester have a variety of community development projects dealing with issues such as education, income generation and the care of the elderly. But a project committee established by the community recently established that there was no specific project dealing with the crucial issue of housing and land. This particularly affects black people in the region, who, until the scrapping of the Coloured Preference Area Act in 1985, had little or no access to the townships.

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A co-ordinator and fieldworker were appointed to undertake a needs analysis, after which it was decided to establish BLC. This will work closely with community organisations and the National Land Committee to address the)and, housing, local government and broader developmental problems of the Boland.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

X To help rural communities engaged in the struggle for land, housing, local government and broader developmental issues.

To help threatened communities to build organisational structures and links with existing support structures such as civic organisations, trade unions etc.

X To be involved in action-research so as to contribute to the development of progressive policy options on land distribution, housing and alternative local government structures.

X To provide para-legal advice to communities.

X To organise workshops, public meetings and seminars on local government, land and housing issues.

I To raise awareness about the need to care for the environment.

TARGET GROUP:

Black people living in towns and rural areas in the Boland region.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

Most of the black people living in the region work and stay on farms. If they have a dispute with a farmer, they are told to leave, often without a fair hearing, and then find it difficult to get work again or a place for their families to stay.

In addition, old people are often left homeless once they can no longer find farm work while squatter settlements have developed in some areas where there are large projects such as dam building. Once these projects are complete, the people stay on a find work in neighbouring farms, but stay in their settlements even though they are threatened with eviction.

The main areas where there are housing and land problems are Swellendam, De Doorns, Laingsburg and Zweeklebosburg.

BLC, in co-operation with community leaders, negotiates with the municipalities of nearby towns so that land can be made available for these displaced people to settle on.

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These negotiations have had some measure of success, but there have been problems.

For example, in De Doorns, land has been made available, but the displaced people have been asked to pay R7 000 for each plot, which they cannot afford. Negotiations are continuing.

PROGRAMME OF ACTION:

Negotiations will continue and workshops will be held for community representatives and for displaced people to help them understand past land policies and involve them in discussions on possible land allocation policies.

Health projects will be asked to teach the people basic health care to prevent unhealthy conditions on new settlements.

Environmental issues will also be discussed with them and they will be encouraged to establish gardens and grow trees.

STRUCTURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

BLC is managed by a steering committee made up of eight community representatives, five of whom are women, and two staff members.

It meets at least once a month.

The day-to-day functioning of the project is the responsibility of a co-ordinator. Staff meetings are held every week.

BLC's general council meets quarterly.

The project liaises with land committees countrywide and other interested organisations.

IMPACT:

It is hoped that the project will help disadvantaged black people in the Boland gain access to land, shelter and local government so that they can play a meaningful role in decision-making in a future democratic South Africa.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

See STRUCTURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY above.

PROJECT ACTIVITY FOR THE LAST YEAR:

See DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT above.

PROJECT FUTURE PLANS:

See PROGRAMME OF ACTION above.