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Dear Mr. Stavrinou,

Re: Grant Allocation for 2004/05

Thank you for your letter dated 26th January 2004. As stated in the letter, I understand that Harrow Council has decided to allocate us £39,340 of funding for the financial year 2004/05.

I would like to appeal against this decision of the grants committee, and emphasise the fact that your funding to our organisation has decreased in real terms over the course of the last five years. Compared with the award of £37,380 made to us in 1999/2000, the decision to award Harrow Council for Racial Equality just £39,804 for 2004/05 represents an average annual increase of merely 1.3%. Clearly, this falls short of the inflation rates of 3% per annum.

Additionally, the organisation has moved into new premises at the Civic Centre in December 2003. The total rent and service charges for the new premises at the Civic Centre is £13,000 – this includes the rent for the small offices at our old premises. When compared with the old rent expenses of £5,500, this represents an increase of £7,500 purely for annual rent. On top of this, capital is required for procuring equipment, furniture and fixtures for the new office.

I would appreciate it if the Council would reconsider this appeal, with a broader view to not merely sustaining, but developing this organisation. I therefore request the respected members to consider our appeal, and to take into account the increase in rent of £7,500 as stated above. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Prem Pawar
Director



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