

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

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Dear Leon.

My reguest of regulary Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter, and draft consultative paper, to Patrick Jenkin of 13 September concerning transitional support for the voluntary sector after the abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan County Councils.

I see from paragraph 8 of the draft paper that London borough, and metropolitan district, councils will be able to apply for grant towards the cost of voluntary bodies or projects which are currently funded in whole or in part by the GLC or an MCC. It seems that the boroughs and districts will not be precluded from making applications for assistance with expenditure on certain local arts organisations, particularly of the community/ethnic type which, although they have been referred to as "arts" bodies, would in fact be better described as "voluntary" bodies. I would therefore propose to tell such organisations who make enquiries to me that it will be open to their borough or district council to request a share of this £5m as grant for expenditure incurred on them.

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I am copying this letter to the other members of MISC 95 and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

