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Part I: Information about your group/organization

Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.

1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.

ASHRAYA

2. When was the group established?

18TH APRIL 2000

3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.

Only 10 Percent out of 2 lakhs of challenged children in Kerala get some form of institutional care and a vast majority of them are left to fend for themselves. The deplorable condition of these children, particularly that of the female challenged child, and the helpless situation of the parents acted as an inspiration and motivation to launch a project like this, to provide succour and solace to these hapless ones.

4. Briefly describe the aims of your group.

1. Providing residential rehabilitation to Mentally & Physically challenged girl children stricken with Poilo, Cerebral Palsy or Mental Retardation, and to develop them to a level of independence by which they could lead a life comparable to that of a normal child. 2. To take over the responsibilities of a challenged girl child by which the unfortunate mother would be free from the burden and enable her to go out and earn a living for the family. 3. Provide employment to physically handicapped female graduates and post-graduates as teachers. Ashraya by policy, provides employment only to handicapped female graduates as teachers. Ashraya focuses in developing mentally and physically challenged girl children over the years with an ultimate vision that they would be capable enough to work as teachers in rehabilitation centers for the future generation of challenged children in their villages.

5. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.

NO

6. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?

Ashraya daughters hail from broken, addicted or single parent families with mother as the only earning member. 1. By institutionalising the child at Ashraya, the mother gets the freedom and opportunity to go out and earn a living for the rest of her family. 2. Ashraya as a policy, provides employment only to challenged female teachers. 3. Ashraya volunteers make regular visit to the home of our wards and counsel them on the need for better hygiene, and overcoming the commonly prevalent vices such as addiction, gambling, violence and other antisocial activities.

Part II: Details about your educational project/s

7. List the school/s run by your group, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s.

The formal and informal education to its daughters is provided at Ashraya. We do not run any other school.

8. Location of school/s Urban Rural Other _____

9. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).

Inhouse education upto 12th Standard adopting the regular school syllabus and curriculum. Livelihood training to be groomed as computer professionals, Musicians, Teachers in Special education, Tailoring painting etc.

10. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).

Physically challenged children are imparted the regular teaching. Physiotherapy and aerobic exercises, clay modeling and needle work for developing gross and fine motor control are part of the training. In addition, Ashraya provides the mentally challenged children, a unique approach utilising sound vibrations arising out of group chanting of ancient vedic hymns and regular recitation of Indian classical music.

11. What is the literacy rate in the local community?

over 80%

**12. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupational).
If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.**

Our children hail from economically, socially and educationally back ward families. Majority of them are from broken, single parent and addicted / indifferent families. None of our children are employed.

13. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc.)?

In addition to education, Ashraya provides accomodation, food, medicare and clothing. Specially designed courses and activities to bring out their latent creative talents. Livelihood oriented skill development.

14. Does your school have:

Its own building(s): Yes No Number _____
Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): _____

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Toilets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairs & Tables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blackboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. How many children are currently enrolled in your school(s)?

Male 0 Female 24 Age Range 5 to 12 years

16. How many staff are employed at your schools?

Teachers 8 Minimum Qualifications Graduate
Other staff 8

17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school Residential

18. How many children have gone through your program in the past five years and what are they doing currently? Please tell us about their future education and employment possibilities.

Our residential project commenced only on June 2000. 24 children are currently going through our programme. The average age of the children is 8 years and as such it is too early to highlight their employment possibilities.

19. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have passed out of your school?

Not applicable at this point of time.

20. Are there any other schools (Kindergarten/Balwadi, Elementary school, High school) in the area? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.

Ashraya is a special school and there are no such schools in the near vicinity.

21. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.

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22. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools in the local area?

Our children are enrolled in Government schools and they are taking their exams there.

23. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.)? Please specify.

No. They are informed about the progress regularly.

24. What are your expansion plans for the future (e.g. adding more classes or schools)?

Ashraya has 24 inmates at present. We have plans to increase this to 50 by June 2005. This calls for infrastructural developments and facilities.

25. Do you have any suggestions on how Asha can be a positive influence in changing the education scenario in India?

ASHA can bring improvement in the education scenario of India by adopting deserving and dedicated NGOs by partnering and networking with them.

26. If possible, please provide us with the contact information of two individuals from your community who can describe the impact of your program.

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27. Asha for Education requires reports from its projects every six months to continue funding. Please provide the contact information for the person from your group who will be responsible for these reports.

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Part III: Financial Details

Please feel free to attach any information such as annual reports, budgets etc.

28. What sources fund your group's activities at present? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group's activities, please describe those restrictions.

Ashraya depends solely on individual donors. It is not being funded by any Indian or overseas funding agency.

29. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years:

Year(s)	Recurring costs	Fixed costs
2004-05	US \$ 13014	US \$ 16085. Construction of dormitory and hall. (2000 sq.ft)
2005-06	US \$ 14315	US \$ 20444. Construction of a Physiotherapy Unit
2006 -07	US \$ 15745	US \$ 22666 Construction of Vocational Training Unit.

30. Salary expenditure details:

	Number	Salary Range
Teachers	7	Rs. 1500 to 2500
Paid Staff	6	Rs. 750 to 5000
Volunteer Staff	4	Nil

31. Please provide details of the fixed costs of your school/s for the next three years.
 Detailed in item 29 above.

32. How many of your students pay school fees? Please provide details.
 Being from economically backward families they are unable to pay the school fees.

33. What amount are you requesting from Asha, and for what specific purpose?

Items	Amount	One time / Annual
Construction of a multi purpose room (dormitory/classroom + attached bath) to provide facility for around 15 more children.	US \$ 16085	one time