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The house cost the state \$64,000 and was renovated with an additional \$20,000. An additional \$50,000 is needed to make the three-story, wood-frame house liveable, the state says.

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1st group home to open 4 years, 134Gs later

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and then enclosed to meet fire prevention regulations.

The kitchen, he says, needs a new sink, some new utilities, and more counter space. Some of the bedrooms, which already have been fireproofed, need to be enlarged. At least one of the bedrooms has no electrical outlet, a product of the work supervised by the state Office of General Services in the spring of 1976.

Mathews said he did not know what the bill for the new work would be, but one source said he saw an estimate of \$45,760. Mathews conceded the bill could

go as high as \$50,000.

If it had to be done all over again, would the state purchase and renovate a house similar to the Tysen St. one? "That would depend," Mathews says. "If there was a need for the service, yes we would. If there were better facilities, certainly not."

Problems like Tysen St.'s are unlikely to appear these days, however, because the state is now leasing group homes and not buying the property. And because only one bureaucracy, MPU, is doing the work.

Since March 1976, MPU has opened 11 group facilities and now there are 54 in New York City.