



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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January 8, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement and any subsequent amendments with the Archstone Foundation to continue the management of the Long Beach Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Elder Abuse Prevention Team, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

National statistics indicate that 5 percent of persons age 65 years and older are at risk for elder abuse and neglect. The 2000 census indicates that there are 42,000 persons age 65 years and older in Long Beach, equating to an at risk population of 2,100. Combined 2004 statistics from Los Angeles County's Adult Protective Services and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program show a total of 2,770 cases of elder abuse and noncompliance of quality of care in Long Beach, putting Long Beach above the national average in cases of reported elder abuse and complaints.

The Long Beach-based Archstone Foundation (Foundation) has awarded the City an additional three-year Phase II continuation grant as part of the Foundation's five-year initiative to address elder abuse, neglect and self-neglect. Under the agreement, the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) will implement strategies to enhance the networking and case resolution capacity of the Long Beach Multidisciplinary Elder Abuse Prevention Team (LBEAPT), which consists of more than 50 agencies, and was created in 2006 with Archstone Foundation Phase I funding.

The Phase II grant will enable the LBEAPT to continue to improve interagency and inter-jurisdictional relationships of the Team, to address issues, needs, gaps and challenging cases of elder abuse, neglect and self-neglect in Long Beach. The LBEAPT plays an important role in promoting activities and strategies of the Long Beach Strategic Plan for Older Adults, which was approved by the City Council on June 14, 2005.

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The Phase II project will be accomplished through the following objectives: a) to enhance, sustain and institutionalize the LBEAPT by continuing to meet, train, and case conference monthly, b) to address elder abuse in residential care facilities and to identify local resources for sheltering elders who are victims of elder abuse or who are homeless as a result of unreasonably high rent increases; and c) to continue to increase community awareness of elder abuse and neglect through community education and by conducting an annual elder abuse prevention forum.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lori A. Conway on December 11, 2007 and by Victoria Bell, Budget Division Officer on December 19, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 8, 2008, as services under the agreement commenced on January 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant revenues of approximately \$75,000 to be expended from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010. Sufficient grant funds are currently budgeted that will cover the indirect costs of program coordination, implementation, and evaluation. There will be no impact to the General Fund (GP).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:


for PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER