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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement and subsequent amendments with the Archstone Foundation to plan and implement the Long Beach Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Elder Abuse Prevention Team, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000 from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$78,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

National statistics project 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 a two-year planning and implementation grant as part of the Foundation's initiative to address elder abuse, neglect and self-neglect. Under the agreement, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct planning processes and implementation strategies to create the Long Beach Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Elder Abuse Prevention Team (LBMDT).

The creation of the LBMDT will provide capacity to build, connect and strengthen interagency and inter-jurisdictional relationships among 20 or more committed local and regional agencies serving the aging community and other Adult Protective Services. The project will work with these key stakeholders to address challenging issues, needs, gaps

and cases of elder abuse, neglect and self-neglect in Long Beach. This project promotes and conducts activities and strategies of the Long Beach Strategic Plan for Older Adults, which was approved by the City Council on June 14, 2005.

The project will be accomplished through three phases: a six-month planning phase to assess and evaluate the community needs and gaps in addressing elder abuse and to develop the infrastructure to create the LBMDT; an eighteen-month implementation phase to initiate the LBMDT with a core committed membership of 15 – 20 agencies that will meet monthly to address elder abuse and neglect through informational meetings, case conferences and teleconferences; and a community education campaign phase.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on January 5, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on January 6, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 24, 2006, as services under the agreement commenced on January 1, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant revenues of approximately \$78,000 to be expended from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. Grant funds will cover the costs of program coordination, implementation, and evaluation. An appropriation increase of \$78,000 is included in the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION


Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER