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LONG TERM CARE 2003 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE FUNDING

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, August 7, 2003, from the Commissioner of Health Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee and Regional Council approve an increase in the 2003 LTC operating expenditures and revenues to reflect a one-time grant in the amount of \$11,900 (100% funding) from the Province of Ontario for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Initiative.
2. Staff be authorized to enter into the necessary agreements with the Province of Ontario to facilitate the receipt and expenditure of the funds.
3. The Commissioner of Health Services and Medical Officer of Health be authorized to execute the agreements with the Province of Ontario in relation to the receipt and expenditure of these funds.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to secure approval from Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee and Regional Council for the receipt and expenditure of an additional subsidy from the Ministry of Public Safety and Security for program costs related to the implementation of the Prevention of Elder Abuse Information and Education Initiative.

3. BACKGROUND

In November 2002, the Prevention of Elder Abuse Committee of York Region submitted an application for funding for an Elder Abuse Information and Education project under the Partners Against Crime (PAC) Community Crime Prevention Program. The Prevention of Elder Abuse Committee is comprised of citizens, community agencies and staff from the Long Term Care and Seniors Branch, Police Services and Public Health Branch. York Region's Health Services Department is the designated sponsor agency for the Committee under this initiative.

On March 11, 2003, the Ministry of Public Safety and Security advised the Prevention of Elder Abuse Committee that \$11,900 had been approved for the York Region project "Prevention of Elder Abuse Information and Education Initiative," subject to contract finalization and a request for confidentiality until the ministry made a formal announcement (*see Attachment I*).

The Ministry of Public Safety and Security formally announced the grant award on June 23, 2003.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The Ministry of Public Safety and Security will provide a one-time grant in the amount of \$11,900 under the Partners Against Crime Community Crime Prevention Initiative. The grant will fund a Prevention of Elder Abuse Information and Education Initiative that involves the development, printing and distribution of a York Region specific Elder Abuse brochure and guide and the development of display panels for use at community events and educational programs.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As a result of the approval for the receipt and expenditure of the special grant funds, there will be a gross increase of \$11,900 in the approved 2003 Long Term Care Operating Budget. This will be offset, however, with an equivalent increase in Ministry funding.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The utilization of the Ministry funding will allow York Region's Health Services Department to provide additional awareness and education for the community regarding the prevention of elder abuse.

7. CONCLUSION

The approval of the recommendations regarding the receipt of the additional subsidy from the Province of Ontario will enable the delivery of a "Prevention of Elder Abuse Information and Education Initiative" and increase community awareness of this important issue.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(A copy of the attachment referred to in the foregoing was forwarded to each Member of Council with the September 4, 2003 Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee agenda and a copy thereof is on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.)