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## National LGBT Aging Project Receives \$500,000 Grant

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**Two groups -- the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders -- received a \$500,000 grant from the Arcus Foundation's Gay and Lesbian Fund to support a joint national campaign dealing with LGBT aging.** The project pushes public policies that address aging in the gay population as well as creating more support and resources, according to a press release.

SAGE executive director Michael Adams said in the statement that the number of LGBT people over the age of 56 will grow by 70% in the next two decades.

"This demographic tidal wave, combined with the endemic invisibility, marginalization, and discrimination faced by LGBT older people, lends an added urgency to this first-of-a-kind national advocacy effort," he added.

The SAGE–Task Force project has four main objectives: providing leadership to an action-oriented national LGBT aging network; winning strategic policy victories for LGBT older adults; building the capacity for LGBT aging policy advocacy in communities across the country; and ensuring that LGBT aging issues are a focus in broader aging policy discussions.