

## MCOA Members

**Great News the HWM Budget Proposal added \$100,000 to Line Item #9110-9002 = \$8,215,068** Though this is still \$400k less than FY09GAA- those dollars were never realized due to mid year '9c' cuts  
Basically this is level funding+: **It maintains \$7/elder/YEAR increases potential Incentive Grant by \$100k.**

Thus MCOA is not pursuing any floor amendments to increase Line Item #9110-9002- Local Aid to Councils on Aging.

Protective Service and Prescription Advantage are lower than we hoped, so we will continue to follow them to see if Amendments are filed.

### Action Steps:

1. **Thank your Representatives (all of them) and let them know: "We are fine with \$8,215,068 in Line Item #9110-9002 Local Aid to Councils on Aging". Thank them today! email addresses at [www.mass.gov/legis](http://www.mass.gov/legis)**
2. **Stay tuned for more info on other potential eldercare amendments**

Thank you for your attention to this matter

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## MCOA Membership

As we prepare for Wednesday's release of the FY11 HWM Budget, MCOA is pursuing \$8,115,068 for Line Item #9110-9002.

As we discussed in the past this will mark a 6% cut from FY10 GAA but it does reflect House 2, Governor Patrick's FY11 Proposal.

We recognize that FY11 will be difficult which is why we accept the Governor's proposed reduction to \$8,115,068. This cut eliminates most of the Service Incentive Program but maintains the much needed \$7/elder/YEAR Formula Grant.

We have communicated this position with all members of the House via a letter now posted on our website [www.mcoaonline.com](http://www.mcoaonline.com) - see **MCOA Open Letter to the Legislature**

If the FY11 HWM version of the budget is lower than \$8.1m, the membership of MCOA has instructed me to actively pursue a floor amendment.

According to previously published reports, the budget is slated to increase about 3.2% overall over FY10 but Local Aid could be cut up to 4%.

The HWM Proposal will be available sometime around noon on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at [www.mass.gov/legis](http://www.mass.gov/legis) scroll down about half way to the FY11 Budget Proposal link.

If the \$ for line item #9110-9002- Local Aide to Municipal COAs is lower than \$8,115,068 we will begin to solicit co-sponsors for a floor amendment to raise it to that amount by asking you to contact your Representatives to be co-sponsors. We will need at least 90 of the 160 members by 5pm Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> to have an impact. Their contact information can also be found at [www.mass.gov/legis](http://www.mass.gov/legis) - look on the left side on that home page

**Instructions** will follow by early afternoon Wednesday- either way...Stay tuned- look for an email with this in the subject line: **MCOA Circulation: Legislative Alert FY11- #2A- The HWM Proposal**

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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