

Formula Grant set at \$7/Elder — July 20, 2010

Just about two weeks after the Governor signed the FY11 Budget (GAA), Secretary Hartstein and her team at Elder Affairs released the Formula Grant allocation for FY11. Despite reductions to line item #9110-9002 over the last two years totaling \$860,741 (10%), Elder Affairs found a way to maintain the \$7/elder/YEAR Formula allocation with a minimum grant of \$3,500.

The ability of Elder Affairs to maintain the Formula Grant at \$7.00/elder was a cooperative effort in consultation with MCOA. To accomplish this goal, Secretary Hartstein eliminated most Incentive Grant funding in favor of maintaining the \$7/elder commitment. We all owe Secretary Hartstein and her team a multitude of thanks for making this timely decision. (See instructions and attachments emailed from Emmett Schmarsow/EOEA on July 20th at about 4pm.)

As in past years, the Formula Allocation will be awarded in two parts. The target date for the first (half) payment is September 17th and the second payment will be made in February. These payments are contingent on municipal COAs submitting the required documentation by the deadlines below. The memo detailing your town's allocation can be viewed at

https://www.800ageinfo.com/files/pdf/2010_07_20_FY11_announcement_on_formula_grant_allocations.pdf

MCOA has also posted that link and the three attachments that detail the timeline, the required paperwork and the guidelines on our **Home Page** under **Breaking News** at www.mcoaonline.com

“This outcome is better than we hoped for- we appreciate the Administration’s strong commitment to municipal COAs and their recognition that the Formula Allocation needed to be maintain at \$7/elder.”

— MCOA President Sharon Lally.

“From the beginning Governor Patrick, EOHHS Secretary Bigby and EOEA Secretary Hartstein understood the importance of the Formula Grant. Along with bipartisan support from the Legislature, the minimum necessary to maintain a Formula Allocation of \$7/elder local aid was included in each phase of the budget process. And despite the severe setback due to the delay in FMAP funding, this Administration found away to fulfill their commitment to municipal COAs. We owe everyone involved a resounding THANK YOU.”

— David P. Stevens, Executive Director, Massachusetts Councils on Aging

Due Dates and Descriptive Notes for the FY2011 Council on Aging Formula Grant Allocation Program excerpted from EOEA/Emmett Schmarsow’s July 20th email.

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Announcement of Formula Grant Allocation (see below)	Web-address: https://www.800ageinfo.com/files/pdf/2010_07_20_FY11_announcement_on_formula_grant_allocations.pdf or www.mcoaonline.com	
Attachment B Budget (Word or Excel)	August 9, 2010 (postmark to Elder Affairs)	Email
Statement of Authorization (affix to Att. B budget)	August 9, 2010 (postmark to Elder Affairs)	Email
Annual Report EOEA-SGA (Word or Excel) and Volunteer Resource Sheet	September 3, 2010 (postmark to Elder Affairs)	Email
Statement of Allocation/ Grant Balance Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 2010 Unexpended fund balances are applied to the succeeding fiscal year, reducing the amount of new monies issued.	September 10, 2010 (Suggested receipt at Elder Affairs for all COAs, especially if you anticipate a carryover of more than \$1,000) ----- September 15, 2010 (receipt date at ELD)	Email