

MCOA FY18 Dues Proposal

Board Recommendation for Nov. 17, 2016

Membership Meeting Vote at the Courtyard, Marlborough



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The Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging relies on voluntary membership dues to operate and to fulfill the goals and objectives set by our members. For the last two decades the dues rate has been established as 2% of the Formula Grant award with minimum and maximum thresholds set by a formal membership vote. Traditionally it has been implemented for the fiscal year following the enactment of any increased funding.

On our Members behalf, MCOA lobbied to raise the Formula Grant from \$9/elder/YEAR to \$10/elder for FY17- roughly a 11% increase in the allocation. The legislature approved and the Governor signed that increase. Members should have budgeted for that higher allotment and should soon be receiving funding from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. We have previously notified MCOA Members that if that increase occurred for FY17, it would automatically trigger a full membership vote to increase MCOA dues in FY18. Thus the Board of Directors recommends increasing MCOA Dues according to the chart below. On November 17, 2016 at our regularly scheduled membership meeting, at the Worcester Elks Lodge the following motion will be discussed and voted. Interested parties should attend. (Register online at www.mcoonline.com)

MOTION: The Board of the Massachusetts Councils on Aging recommends increasing MCOA Dues rate from \$0.18/elder to \$0.20/elder and thereby stay with the 2% level in FY17 (with minimums and maximums outlined below). The chart below details this recommendation.

# Adults Age 60 and above Based on the US 2010 Census	Existing FY17 Rate@ \$9/elder Formula Grant	Proposed FY18 Rate@ \$10/elder Formula Grant
0-500 Minimum rate*	\$168	\$190
501-1100 minimum rate	\$196	\$220
1100-12,000= 2% of FG	\$0.18/elder	\$0.20/elder
12,001-15,000 maximum rate	\$2240	\$2500
15,001-20,000 maximum rate	\$2800	\$3100
20,001-30,000 maximum rate	\$3080	\$3425
30,000+ maximum rate	\$3500	\$4000

*Minimum Formula Grant allocation rose from \$4500 m FY16 to \$5000 FY17.

EXAMPLE: The 'median' Massachusetts town with a population of 18,654 has approximately 3628 older adults (age 60+). MCOA's advocacy effort increased its local Formula Grant funding from \$32,652(\$9/elder) to 36,280(\$10/elder) an increase of \$3628. MCOA dues request for this median town went from \$653.04 in FY17 to a proposed FY18 rate of \$725.60 an increase of \$72.56 (2%).

BACKGROUND: The Formula Grant increase is part of our five-year campaign to raise the Formula from \$8 to \$12/elder by 2020. Join us in our efforts. Plan your legislative event to take place before February 15, 2017 and ask your legislators to support our goal of \$12/elder by 2020 for Line Item #9110-9002. As of August 24, 2016 the Board of MCOA has decided not to pursue the third step in FY18 because of the current economic outlook. This may change as the year proceeds. Stay tuned! Go www.mcoonline.com for details.

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