

**MCOA Members:**

**I wanted to make sure you didn't miss this important notice: FY17 Formula Grant has been re-set at \$10/elder/YEAR (see below).**

Thanks to the Governor and Secretary Bonner who listened to our concerns:

- The COA Formula Grant is based on the count from April 1, 2010 (US Census). According to UMASS/Amherst's Donahue Institute the 60+ population has increased 25% since that date.
- The increase to \$10/elder over the last 2 fiscal years equals a 25% raise in the formula grant which equals the population rise.
- Municipal COAs are the first stop on the elder care continuum and this Local Aid increase is needed now!

October revenues are up and the Administration will continue to look for other 'savings' to make sure the budget is balanced **but for now the \$10/elder Formula Grant is back.**

We also acknowledge the bipartisan, bicameral legislative support we received to originally fund the \$10 and their careful oversight of our line item.

Thanks for all of your attention to this matter.  
Expect Contracts to be posted soon.

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**Subject:** FY2017 Formula Grant Funding

Dear Colleagues,

This is to notify you that Formula Grant funding for FY17 will be issued at \$10.00 per elder. Contracts will be issued shortly and posted at: <http://www.800ageinfo.com>.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at the contact information below.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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