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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD SFY24 FORMULA GRANTS
TO LOCAL COUNCILS ON AGING
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The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) announces its intent to award Formula Grants to local Councils on Aging in State Fiscal Year 2024. Established pursuant to M.G.L. 19A § 1, EOEA strives to ensure all older adults and their caregivers across the Commonwealth have access to the tools, resources, and help they need to fully embrace the aging experience.

Councils on Aging (COAs) are municipally appointed agencies that serve as the local gateway to EOEA and other state and federal programs and services. The 350 COAs in Massachusetts provide direct services to older adults, their families, and caregivers. While each COA is unique, most COAs offer information and referral, transportation, outreach, meals (congregate and home delivered), health and wellness screening, and fitness and recreational programs.

Formula grant funding is authorized through Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023, which was signed into law on August 9, 2023. Awards will be issued to each COA at a rate of \$14.00 per individual age 60 and over, based upon the number of older adults noted in the 2020 federal census. Regardless of size, all COAs are eligible to receive a minimum award of \$7,000.

In SFY23, Service Incentive Grants are also to be awarded and issued to the Massachusetts Councils on Aging (MCOA) for statewide service priorities, and to fund innovative services and incentive grants.

All information related to the awarding of these funds will be uploaded to <http://coadmin.800ageinfo.com/> when available. All interested parties are encouraged to monitor the site for ongoing updates.

For any questions regarding these awards, please contact Adam Frank, EOEA Program Manager for COAs and Senior Centers at Adam.Frank@mass.gov.