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VALLEE ANNOUNCES FUNDS FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN HIS DISTRICT

Franklin, Medway councils on aging receive state grants totaling over \$30,000

Boston, Mass. – Local senior centers will now have more resources to continue their activities and outreach, as Representative James E. Vallee (*D – Franklin*) today announced the Franklin and Medway Councils on Aging are slated to receive over \$30,000 in state Formula Grants.

As Assistant Vice-Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, Vallee secured an additional \$335,000 in the FY 08 budget for such grants statewide. The increase will provide all council on aging programs a funding increase of 3.2% over the previous fiscal year.

“Our councils on aging offer seniors great opportunities to engage with one another, socialize and learn new things,” said Vallee. “Formula Grants are crucial to enhancing the list of services already provided to our seniors, and I am pleased my district fared so well this year.”

Council on aging Formula Grants are calculated based on each municipality’s population of seniors, defined as 60 years or older, and appropriate \$6.50 per such individual. Each council on aging determines its own priorities for expenditures from a broad range of eligible costs established by the state’s Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

The Franklin Council on Aging plans to use its \$21,210 award to fund a fitness instruction program, computer equipment, printing and postage costs, in-service training and volunteer recognition initiatives.

The Medway Council on Aging will utilize its \$9,607 allocation to subsidize its outreach coordinator and volunteer coordinator staff positions, fund its T’ai Chi instruction program and staff attendance at conferences.

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