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COA/ Albert Harris Center

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FY 22 Budget Narrative
1/20/21

Overall budget increase is a nominal 1.7% However, we intend to invest significantly more in our community to support our seniors via the COA.

2020 Census revealed that there has been an **86%(!)** increase in Seniors living in Pepperell since 2010. **3,478** Seniors call Pepperell home (vs 1,864 ten years ago). Massachusetts Senior population grew 35% in 10 years (an additional 446,000) with Pepperell more than doubling that rate.

We are hopeful that our state funded **Formula Grant** will increase significantly to allow us to bring our Outreach coordinator position to 40 hours per week (vs 19). Covid and the Senior population growth has shown us that we have and will expand our services both on site and virtually to support the service needs.

There are no changes to our expense line items. It is difficult to predict what July 2021 will look like post vaccinations, but we expect a more than full force return to the on site support, services and engagements in addition to continuing virtual support with many new faces as we have experienced just that this year with our pivot to significant virtual engagements.

Kind Regards,

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