

HOW MEALS ON WHEELS IS FUNDED



MEALS ON WHEELS
AMERICA

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FUNDING SOURCES FOR LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS VARY BASED ON THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ARE MADE UP OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE DOLLARS

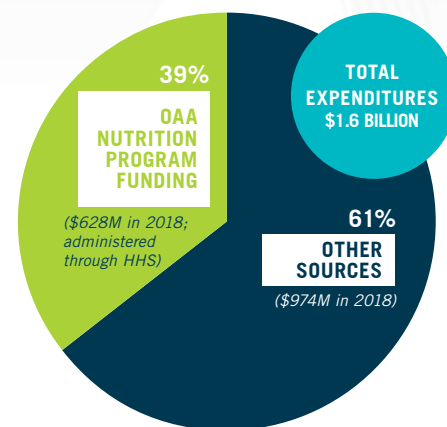
OLDER AMERICANS ACT FUNDING

For more than 50 years, the Older Americans Act (OAA) has been the primary piece of federal legislation supporting the social and nutritional needs of adults age 60 and older. OAA services like Meals on Wheels have been even more critical to seniors throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nationally, the OAA funds **39% OF THE TOTAL COST** to provide nutritious meals, safety checks and friendly visits to **2.4 MILLION SENIORS EACH YEAR**

OTHER SOURCES

The other 61% of funding that serves seniors each year comes from state and/or local sources, private donations from foundations, corporations and individuals, and federal block grants.



*Expenditures are for programs receiving some amount of OAA funding (and exclude programs that receive private and other non-OAA funding only)

THIS HYBRID FUNDING MODEL MAKES MEALS ON WHEELS A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT NEEDS TO BE BOLSTERED TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND, ESPECIALLY AS WE CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

EACH YEAR, MEALS ON WHEELS IS SERVING A SMALLER PORTION OF THE TOTAL SENIOR POPULATION



Despite decades of broad bipartisan support, funding for this vital program continually **FAILS TO KEEP PACE** with the rapidly growing need for services



Aging issues are often forgotten, with **LESS THAN 1%** of large private and community foundation grant funding going to organizations like Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is now **SERVING 20M FEWER MEALS** than in 2005 because food, transportation and other costs have increased while funding remains stagnant



8 OUT OF 10 LOW INCOME, FOOD INSECURE SENIORS are not receiving the home-delivered or congregate meals they need

TOGETHER, WE MUST INVEST MORE FULLY IN MEALS ON WHEELS AS IT ENABLES OLDER ADULTS TO REMAIN HEALTHIER AT HOME, AVOIDING MORE COSTLY HEALTHCARE SERVICES

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