

HOW MEALS ON WHEELS IS FUNDED



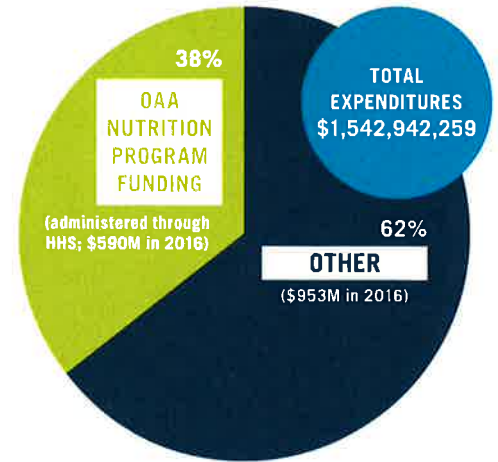
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FUNDING SOURCES FOR LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS VARY BASED ON THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ARE MADE UP OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE DOLLARS

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 our country's most at-risk seniors.

Nationally, the OAA funds **38% OF THE TOTAL COST** to provide nutritious meals, safety checks and friendly visits to more than **2.4 MILLION SENIORS EACH YEAR**

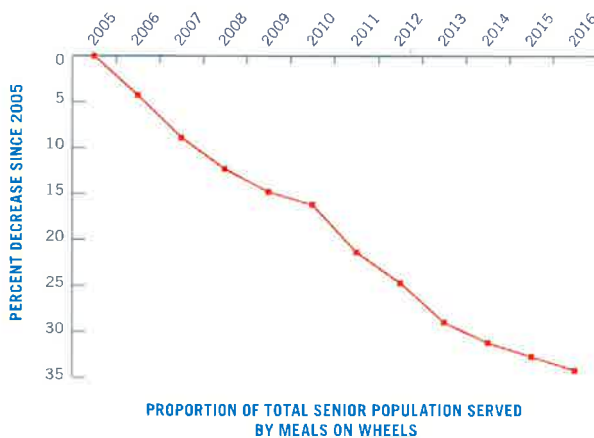


OTHER SOURCES

The other 62% 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.

THIS HYBRID FUNDING MODEL MAKES MEALS ON WHEELS A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT NEEDS TO BE BOLSTERED TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND

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 2%** of all corporate, community and family philanthropy going to organizations like Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is now **SERVING 16M 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 meals they need

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

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DELIVERING SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST A MEAL IN GEORGIA

GEORGIA'S SENIOR POPULATION STRUGGLES WITH HUNGER AND ISOLATION

Senior population	1,925,699 (19%)
Seniors threatened by hunger	346,626 (18%)
Seniors living alone	444,431 (23%)

ADDITIONAL FACTORS CAN MAKE SENIORS EVEN MORE VULNERABLE

Seniors living in poverty	207,612 (11%)
Seniors that are non-white racial and/or an ethnic minority	31%
Seniors experiencing falls with injury	10%
Seniors with self-rated health as "fair to poor"	26%
Seniors with a disability	33%

INADEQUATE NUTRITION AND/OR LIMITED SOCIAL CONTACT HAS DIRECT HEALTH CONSEQUENCES THAT AFFECT THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND ECONOMY

Preventable hospitalizations	50%	Hospital readmissions	15%
Total Medicare spending (in billions)	\$15.32		

OLDER AMERICANS ACT (OAA) NUTRITION PROGRAMS IN GEORGIA ARE DELIVERING NUTRITIOUS MEALS, FRIENDLY VISITS AND SAFETY CHECKS TO THE MOST AT-RISK SENIORS

	Congregate Meals	Home-Delivered Meals	Total
Seniors served each year	23,475	20,149	43,624
Meals served each year	1,490,275	2,434,546	3,924,821

OAA CLIENT PROFILE

Live alone	45%	Live in poverty	46%
Live in a rural area	32%	Minority	46%
Women	71%		

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	Congregate Meals	Home-Delivered Meals	Total
OAA Expenditures	\$8,062,827	\$5,006,033	\$13,068,860 (40%)
Total Expenditures	\$15,300,265	\$17,191,009	\$32,491,274

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Cost of serving a senior Meals on Wheels for an entire year	Cost of 1 day in a hospital	Cost of 10 days in a nursing home
\$2,070	\$1,740	\$2,090

MEALS ON WHEELS PROVIDES A SOLUTION THAT SERVES US ALL

