

# HOW CUTS TO FEDERAL FUNDING WOULD AFFECT MEALS ON WHEELS

## FEDERAL FUNDING PROVIDES THE FOUNDATION FOR THE MEALS ON WHEELS NETWORK

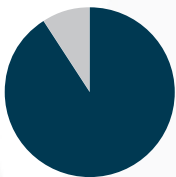


8 OUT OF 10 LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING<sup>1</sup>



2 OUT OF 3 OF THESE PROGRAMS RELY ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO COVER 33% OR MORE OF THEIR OPERATING BUDGET<sup>1</sup>

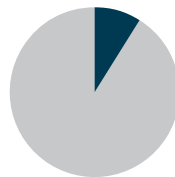
## FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES AT RISK<sup>1</sup>



9 OUT OF 10 Federally funded programs rely on the **Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Program**



1 OUT OF 4 Federally funded programs relies on the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**



1 OUT OF 10 Federally funded programs relies on the **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**



1 OUT OF 10 Federally funded programs relies on the **Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)**

*Local Meals on Wheels programs operate autonomously and therefore federal funding percentages vary from program to program. Programs rely on additional funding from a mix of state and local resources, as well as private donations from corporations, foundations and/or individuals.*

## CUTS WOULD FORCE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS TO MAKE VERY TOUGH CHOICES

If funding is cut, local Meals on Wheels programs report having to do one or more of the following<sup>1</sup>:

- ✓ Reduce number of meals served
- ✓ Reduce number of days meals are served
- ✓ Reduce staff hours or draw on reserves
- ✓ Limit participation in and/or close congregate meal sites
- ✓ Establish or add to a waiting list
- ✓ Eliminate weekend/holiday meals
- ✓ Eliminate special diets and preferences
- ✓ Shut program down altogether

## REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL FUNDING WOULD ONLY MAKE MATTERS WORSE AS THE DEMAND FOR MEALS ON WHEELS IS ALREADY SIGNIFICANT AND RAPIDLY GROWING

57 MILLION IN 2010



112 MILLION BY 2050



WHILE THE SENIOR POPULATION IS PROJECTED TO DOUBLE BY 2050<sup>2</sup>



1 OUT OF 4 PROGRAMS ALREADY HAS A WAITING LIST<sup>3</sup>



AND PROGRAMS RECEIVING FEDERAL OAA FUNDING ARE SERVING 23M FEWER MEALS THAN IN 2005<sup>4</sup>

## NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST FURTHER IN THIS VITAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE OUR VULNERABLE SENIORS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

<sup>1</sup>March 2017 Meals on Wheels America Federal Funding Impact Survey representing 398 total responses from Meals on Wheels America member programs across the country

<sup>2</sup>US Census Bureau

<sup>3</sup>Meals on Wheels America Membership Renewal Survey

<sup>4</sup>AGing Integrated Database (AGID) system at [www.agid.acl.gov](http://www.agid.acl.gov)

