

# HOW MEALS ON WHEELS IS FUNDED



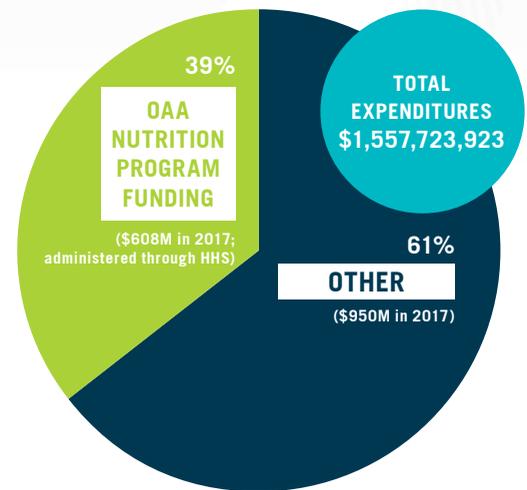
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**FUNDING SOURCES FOR LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS VARY BASED ON THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ARE MADE UP OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE DOLLARS**

## 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 **39% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT** to provide nutritious meals, safety checks and friendly visits to **2.4 MILLION SENIORS EACH YEAR**

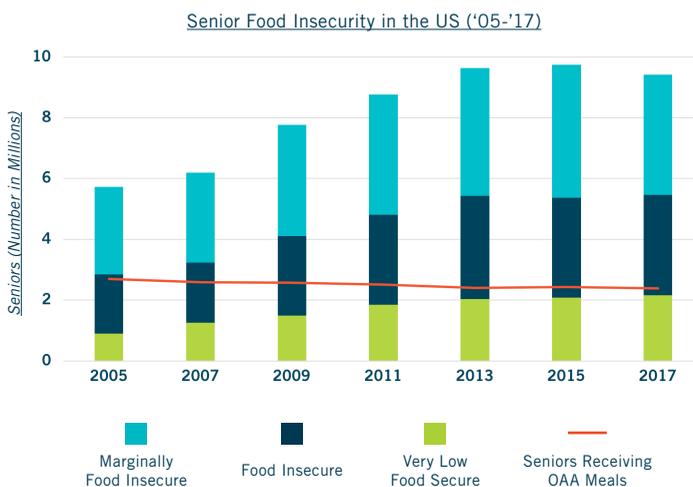


## OTHER SOURCES

The other 61% of funds spent to serve 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 21M 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 likely 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**