**HOW MEALS ON WHEELS IS FUNDED**

**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.

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

$1,557,723,923

**OAA NUTRITION PROGRAM FUNDING**

($608M in 2017, administered through HHS)

**OTHER**

($950M in 2017)

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**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**

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