



Oregon Association
of Area Agencies on
Aging & Disabilities

Restore funding to support vulnerable Oregon Seniors – protecting independence, dignity, choice and safety

\$1.3 million eliminated from Evidence Based Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Programs for seniors.

These programs include health aging, falls prevention, diabetes management, medication management and other social determinants of health programs that are evidence based and are demonstrated to improve health and lower the overall cost curve in health care.



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- B** Oregon has limited investments in these types of proven interventions which have been directly demonstrated to improve quality of life, improve independence and lower the overall health care and long-term care cost curve.

\$2.2 million eliminated in state support to Older Americans Act programs.

This fund reduction translates to a loss of **over 200,000 meals** for seniors for the biennium. Senior meals, including Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals, are one of the most efficient, cost effective ways we protect low income seniors, provide stability for independent living and help prevent unnecessary reliance on Medicaid. This reduction would be felt in every corner of the state and would immediately jeopardize the health and safety of our seniors.



- A** This funding was also part of the package where advocates agreed to changes in the Senior Medical Expense Deduction, which has saved the state well over \$80 million per biennium, with the understanding that a small portion of that savings would be reinvested in senior program. This funding was a part of that reinvestment and this commitment should remain in place.
- B** Senior Meals should not be on the chopping block – jeopardizing seniors’ independence, health, safety and food stability.
- C** Senior hunger and food instability is a serious issue in our state. Eliminating funding that can support meals in all corners of the state only stands to make this issue immediately worse.
- D** This reduction would affect every county in the state.

These funds must be restored in the end of session budget reconciliation bill (“Christmas Tree”) in order to protect services for our vulnerable seniors.

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