

Legislative funding requested:



\$500,000 in ongoing funding for **12** local Area Agencies on Aging for Meals-on-Wheels & senior center meals for Utah's senior population.

\$300,000 one-time funding is in the current budget. Without ongoing funding, **70,000** meals will not be provided to approximately **475** seniors currently within the program
(Add to Base Budget of Aging & Adult Services- Humans Services Department)

Utah by the numbers:



1,967,893 total meals provided in FY2013

23,102 seniors received
777,379 Congregate Meals



(6.5% of 60+ population in Utah)

9,740 seniors received
1,190,514 Meals on Wheels



(2.7% of 60+ population in Utah)

NUTRITION

Providing the basic building blocks for independent living

Good nutrition is the foundation upon which independent living is built. Helping seniors remain healthy and independent by providing nutrition programs, both home delivered and in senior centers, remains the highest service priority for Counties and Area Agencies on Aging.

Senior Meal Program Funding Sources

Local government funding

35.2%



31.1%

Federal funding



Senior Contributions

19%



14.7%

State funding



Utah Association of Area Agencies on Aging



83% of seniors receiving Meals on Wheels in Utah said the meals helped them to continue to live at home.



Helping seniors remain in their homes saves nursing home Medicaid expenditures.



An estimated 112,000 volunteer hours (54.0 F.T.E.'s) valued at \$2.5 million are being contributed each year to operate meal programs.

For more information:
www.mountainland.org/aging/funding

