

Home Delivered Meals & Global Commitment Investment

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Home Delivered Meals Overview and Background

Vermont receives federal funding to provide Home Delivered Meals (HDM; aka Meals On Wheels) to eligible Vermonters age 60 and over. In Vermont's case, the funding passes through DAIL to the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and is then allocated to the many meal providers throughout the state, including senior centers.

In FFY24, Vermont received \$1.8M in federal funds for HDM.

In SFY24, \$1.3M in State General Funds contributed to the HDM program.

In FFY24, 8,237 older Vermonters received HDM.

Global Commitment HDM Funding

FFY25: Converting \$1M in HDM GF to HDM GC added \$1.4M in federal match, totaling \$2.4M in GC funding. Each AAA:

- Receives this money in the form of a one-year grant: October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025.
- Must reimburse meal providers at least \$6.50 per meal.
- Must ensure meals are provided to the most food insecure older Vermonters, such as those unable to cook, unable to obtain groceries, and economically food insecure. This aligns with federal directives to target those in greatest economic and social need.
- Must report the number of participants with 3+ ADL needs, 3+ IADL needs, and those at/below poverty.
- Must submit a Quarterly Report to the SUA 45 days after the quarter's end.
- Included in the grants are options to use some combination of the funding for nutrition education, therapeutic meals training, and food safety certifications.

HDM FFY25 Q1(10/1/24-12/31/24)

Global Commitment

- 2956 of the most food insecure older Vermonters received 86,000 HDM meals with GC funding.
- GC spending: \$573,600
 - All AAAs are on track to sustain this funding over the course of the FY, focusing on the most food insecure individuals while reimbursing local meal providers at least \$6.50/meal.

All Funding

4193 individuals received 234,000 meals with total expenditures = \$1.8M