



# Older Californians Act Fact Sheet

## Community Based Programs

C4A represents California's 33 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), which serve all 58 counties and support older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers in accessing home- and community-based services that promote independence, health, and safety. AAAs are the backbone of California's local aging infrastructure and play a critical role in advancing the goals of the Master Plan for Aging and California 2030.

### **Budget Request Summary**

C4A requests an ongoing investment of \$62.3 million annually to restore historical funding losses, consolidate a decade of one-time appropriations into permanent base funding, COVID-19 public health emergency funding, and resource statewide service requirements enacted under Senate Bill 1249 (Roth) in 2024.

### **This request includes:**

#### Restoration of 2008 OCA funding reductions

In 2008, the OCA experienced statewide funding reductions. These reductions have never been restored and continue to constrain access to services such as case management, caregiver support, transportation, and information and assistance. Essential long-term services and supports.

#### Consolidation and permanent funding of nutrition services

Over the past decade, the Legislature has made meaningful investments in both home-delivered and congregate nutrition programs. However, much of this funding has been provided through time-limited augmentations that are now expiring, creating instability and uncertainty for providers and the older adults who rely on these services. In addition, temporary funding made available during the COVID-19 public health emergency helped meet increased demand, but those resources have since ended—further compounding the funding gap and putting essential nutrition services at risk.

### **Funding to support SB 1249 statewide services**

SB 1249 modernized the Older Californians Act and requires AAAs statewide to ensure access to:

Nutrition services  
Information and Assistance (I&A)  
Caregiver support

### **Proposed Allocation of Ongoing Funds**

C4A proposes the following allocation of the \$62.3 million annual investment:

- \$37 million (About 59%) – Nutrition Services  
Home-delivered and congregate meals that address food insecurity, support health stability, and reduce costly institutional care.
- \$15.66 million (about 25%) – Information and Assistance (I&A)  
Statewide access, navigation, coordination, and case management.
- \$10.44 million (about 16%) – Caregiver Support  
Services that stabilize caregivers, reduce burnout, and prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

Sustained OCA funding will:

- Ensure equitable statewide access to essential aging services
- Support caregivers and reduce avoidable institutionalization
- Enable AAAs to meet existing legislative mandates
- Strengthen California's aging infrastructure for 2030

California cannot meet its commitments under the Master Plan for Aging or California 2030 without addressing the structural underfunding of the Older Californians Act.