

A group of diverse elderly people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are smiling and looking towards the camera. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the faces of the individuals.

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HOME DELIVERY OF MEALS TO SENIORS/DISABLED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



SOCIAL SERVICES

HEALTH

SECURITY

SAFETY

Background

- BOS Presentation - 8/23/2022
- Survey of 9 providers
- Average 8850 meals served to 2419 people weekly
- BOS Direction to follow up with providers

Meal Delivery Programs Receiving Human Services Commission (General Fund) Grants in Current Three Year Cycle Ending Fiscal Year 24-25

Agency & Program Name	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded	Service Area	Population Served	Description of Service
Santa Barbara Meals on Wheels	\$16,000	\$16,000	Santa Barbara Area	Seniors	Meal delivery to seniors
Santa Maria Valley - Meals on Wheels	\$35,000	\$30,000	Santa Maria & Orcutt	Seniors	Meal delivery to seniors
Santa Ynez Valley Senior Citizens Foundation (Buellton Senior Center) Senior Nutrition	\$50,000	\$0*	Santa Ynez Valley and Lompoc	Seniors	Meal delivery to seniors
Organic Soup Kitchen	\$25,000	\$20,000	Countywide (expanding to Santa Maria as of 2022)	Seniors, particularly cancer patients	Meal delivery to seniors, with an emphasis on cancer patients and immunocompromised individuals

*35,000 provided from General Fund allocated to 3rd District as a Result of Decisions Made at the 6/14/22 Budget Hearings

Meal Delivery Programs Receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Funds in Current Fiscal Year

Agency & Program Name	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded	Service Area	Population Served	Description of Service
Santa Maria Valley (FISH) - Meals on Wheels	\$25,000	\$15,947	Santa Maria & Orcutt	Seniors	Meal delivery to seniors
Organic Soup Kitchen	\$25,000	\$0	Countywide (expanding to Santa Maria as of 2022)	Seniors, particularly cancer patients	Meal delivery to seniors, with an emphasis on cancer patients and immunocompromised individuals

Meal Delivery Programs Receiving DSS (General Fund) – Funds in Current Fiscal Year

Agency & Program Name	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded	Service Area	Population Served	Description of Service
Area Agency on Aging (AAA)	\$50,000	\$50,000	Countywide	Seniors and Disabled	Administrative match that is required to draw down Older Americans Act funding used for congregate and home delivered meals, supportive services, and family caregiver support programs.

What We Learned

- Additional Funding Requested
 - Program Sustainability
 - Match Opportunities
- No Infrastructure Needs Identified
- Program Models Vary Widely in Response to Community Needs

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

- \$600,000 in one-time ARPA funding approved by Board during April 2021 Budget Workshops for senior nutrition assessment and gaps funding
- Funds must be encumbered by December 31, 2024
- Funds must be spent by December 31, 2026

Potential Funding Proposals

- Creation of a fund available through March 2024 to provide local match for providers to draw down state, federal, or other funds
- Creation of fund for providers to apply for related to current additional costs associated with pandemic impacts

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- A person is shown eating a meal from a white container. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a white shirt. The background is a brick wall. A shopping bag is visible in the bottom right corner. The text is overlaid on the image.
- Discussion
 - Questions