



Enable Local Agencies to Serve Ohioans at Home & in the Community

Seniors prefer home and community based services, where they can remain independent, connected to their community, and avoid costly nursing facilities. The Senior Community Services Block Grant funds services that enable older adults to remain living in their homes for as long as possible by funding a diverse array of services for Ohioans 60 and older, including home delivered and congregate meals, transportation, personal care, respite, and caregiver supports.

Senior Services Block Grant



Ohio's population is aging. By 2030, Ohio's population of adults 65 years and older will jump from today's 14% to nearly 25%. The fastest growing population, age 85+, is most likely to need long term care services and supports. Since many seniors deplete their assets to pay for long term care that Medicare doesn't cover, the burden for their care falls to Medicaid – a growing threat to Ohio's budget. A greater investment in lower cost interventions can delay or divert from Medicaid, but the Senior Community Services Block Grant has been cut by 54% from over \$15 million to \$7 million per year since 2001. To learn more, visit www.ohioaging.org.

Increase the Senior Community Services Block Grant to enable Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging to serve more Ohioans at home and in the community.

- Restore the 1.5% House cuts and increase funding for the Senior Community Services Block Grant (line item ALI 490-411) by \$8 million per fiscal year to increase access to senior services without reliance on Medicaid, increase access to nutrition programs for the over 375,300 seniors threatened by hunger, and improve access to transportation for seniors.
- Set aside an additional \$150,000 per year for Scripps Gerontology Center to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of non-Medicaid interventions through the block grant along with improved health outcomes and subsequent Medicaid savings.



**All Ohioans deserve to age with dignity and respect.
Invest in Ohio's Seniors.**