



OLDER AMERICANS ACT

Request: Support reauthorization of the Older Americans Act with a 12 percent increase in funding in FFY 2014.
 Support the National Council on Aging request for \$2.2 billion for FFY 2014.

Community Value:

Since 1965, Older Americans Act (OAA) funds have provided for home-delivered and congregate meals, senior center services, transportation, support for family caregivers, home and community services, health promotion and disease prevention, civic engagement and community service employment for low-income older workers. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging distributes these funds to states. The states, in turn, distribute the funds to eight regional Area Agencies on Aging, which allocate them to local providers competing for the funds in specific service areas.

In FFY 2012, the city of Phoenix received \$2.5 million in Area Aging funding for nutrition services that provide meals to increase the health, functionality and quality of life for seniors.

Background:

Reduced or level OAA funding would restrict the city's ability to provide adequate daily nutrition, access to social services and a safe environment for older, frail adults. According to a study by the National Council on Aging, if OAA investments had simply kept pace with the cost of providing services and the increasing number of seniors, the funding level would be at least 12 percent higher.

The city of Phoenix provides approximately 75 percent of the total funding for all senior programs. Services include: providing congregate and home-delivered meals; transportation; activities and programs to educate seniors on health, fitness and nutrition; social services; and recreational and social programs. The city's 15 senior centers serve approximately 6,700 older adults. In FFY 2012, commercial kitchens operating in the senior centers produced more than 250,000 congregate meals and nearly 340,000 home-delivered meals.



FFY	National Appropriation	City of Phoenix
2009	\$1.49 billion	\$1.4 million
ARRA*	\$200 million	\$106,197
2010	\$1.51 billion	\$1.4 million
ARRA*	N/A	\$130,104
2011	\$1.37 billion	\$1.2 million
2012	\$1.47 billion	\$2.5 million
2013	TBD**	TBD**

* ARRA = American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
 ** 2013 currently is funded under a Continuing Resolution (CR) and with FFY 2012-level funding amounts. The CR is due to expire on March 27, 2013. This program also could be impacted by sequestration.

The city of Phoenix supports an increase in OAA appropriations of 12 percent above FFY 2010 to align funding with projected population growth, price increases and escalating demand.

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