

Federal Funding Impacts

Multiple programs offered by the Executive Office of Aging & Independence (AGE) are funded with federal dollars.



AGE Services Tied to Older American Act Federal Funds



Family
Caregiving



Information &
Assistance



Safety &
Economic
Security



Nutrition



Community
Living Supports



***Many older adults in
Massachusetts count on
government funded programs
and services to live and thrive
in the communities of their
choice***

What Would Federal Cuts Look Like?

Short-Term Impacts

- ✗ 97,000 calls to helplines will go unanswered, contributing to lack of awareness and lack of referrals to support and services
- ✗ 3,000 older adults will not have access legal services
- ✗ 4,000 older adults will not receive AAAs/ASAPs services such as fitness and recreation opportunities, minor home modifications, translation services, etc.
- ✗ 17,000 older adults will remain at risk of isolation, poor nutrition, or poor health
- ✗ 17,000 fewer older adults will receive health checks, early warning, and information about how to improve health and wellness
- ✗ 29,000 fewer rides will be given to older adults, increasing isolation and decreasing access to food, goods, and medical care
- ✗ Approximately 1,000 older adults will have more difficulty utilizing technology
- ✗ 941,000 fewer meals will be delivered to older adults in their homes, 36% of whom report facing a food shortage without this program
- ✗ 325,000 fewer meals will be provided to older adults, half of whom report facing a food shortage without this program
- ✗ 4,800 fewer older adults will get support to manage chronic conditions through diet
- ✗ 25,000 fewer opportunities to help caregivers care for loved ones while maintaining their own physical, emotional, and economic health
- ✗ 33,000 nursing facility residents will lose access to resident advocacy, issue resolution, and routine facility visits that affect their health, welfare, and rights
- ✗ 84,000 fewer benefits counseling sessions will be provided to Medicare beneficiaries; each beneficiary could miss out on saving an average of \$3,000 by using the program

Long-Term Impacts



Higher healthcare costs and loss of independence from lack of upstream intervention



Higher out of pocket and premiums due to lack of health insurance counseling (SHINE)



More older adults may end up in more expensive safety net programs or fall through the cracks



Earlier and higher rates of institutionalization



Reduced longevity



Loss of meaningful volunteer opportunities for older adults



Local economies lose older adult customers to poverty and lack of access



Greater reliance on family caregivers, impacting their ability to work and build savings

Impact statements are AGE estimates and should be interpreted as directional. Described effects are generalized or exemplary effects to reductions in or loss of funding, and actual effects may be different or additional.

\$39M

In AGE's Federal funding is at risk

1.7M

Older adults and ~1M family caregivers will have fewer resources

351

Communities in MA are facing weakened responsiveness