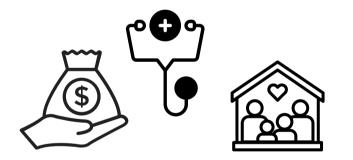


# OHIO'S SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

Ohio's Senior Community Services provide dignity, self-determination, and quality of life for us as we age. The Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (o4a) is requesting an additional S10 million per fiscal year for the Senior Community Services Program to meet the growing needs of older adults to remain safely in their homes and connected to their communities. Service priority is determined by a needs assessment and is given to low-income, high need, and cognitively impaired individuals 60 years of age and over.

#### SERVICES

The Senior Community Services Program provides flexible funding for non-Medicaid services like transportation, meals, housing assistance, home modifications, personal care, and other types of supports that prevent social isolation.



## **SAVINGS & SUPPORTS**

Low cost and less intensive interventions through Senior Community Services delay and divert from enrollment in Medicaid, reduce waiting lists for services and support family caregivers.

### **GROWING DEMAND**

Despite increasing demand for these services, state funding has not kept up with the need. Workforce issues, rising service costs, and a growing number of older adults with complex needs have resulted in fewer individuals receiving the necessary support to stay safe and healthy at home.





#### Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging

### LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Senior Community Services funds leverage other local and state resources and provide the match for federal Older Americans Act dollars that come into Ohio.

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