



**EASTERN AREA
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Thank you for your continued support of Eastern Area Agency on Aging (EAAA). Our mission is to help older adults, caregivers, and adults with disabilities across Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Washington counties stay healthy, independent, and connected to their communities.

Your support makes a lasting impact. In our last fiscal year:

- 12,973 people received help from our Resource Specialists.
- 1,816 Medicare appointments saved community members over \$2.6 million.
- 139,799 nutritious meals were delivered to homes, and 4,998 were served at community sites.
- 336 volunteers contributed more than 26,000 hours of service.

As a nonprofit serving 13,000 square miles, we rely on municipal partnerships to sustain this level of care.

This year, we face serious funding challenges. Federal support through the National Council on Aging ends in November, and temporary COVID-era grants that expanded local outreach have expired. These changes forced position reductions and tighter budgets, especially in rural areas where residents depend on trusted, local support.

Our Nutrition Program received no increase in federal funding, even as food costs have climbed 35% in three years—a reality that stretches every dollar and limits how many people we can reach. We're working hard to avoid major service reductions, but the strain is real.

As you plan your town's budget, please know that local support is more critical than ever. Demand for our services continues to rise, and the need for meal assistance has doubled since 2019, with more than 300 older adults waiting for Meals on Wheels.

Peggy, one of our Wellness and Enrichment program attendees shared this:

"I love it, because I can talk to people and go with my friends. we always go out to eat once a week together, which I never had. And I've met new friends, so I think that's helped me a lot."

Your town's allocation to EAAA last year: \$3,600

Amount requested for 2026: \$4,000.00

Your partnership helps us continue caring for older and disabled adults across our region. Please reach out if you'd like more information about our work in your community.

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