



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Governor Abbott Announces Federal Grant for Senior Citizen Meals

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today announced that Texas has received a \$16.2 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Community Living (ACL) to help communities provide meals for older adults.

The grant was part of a \$250 million dollar outlay authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, signed into law by President Trump on March 18, 2020. Originally created by the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965, these programs provide meals to more than 2.4 million older adults nationwide each year, both through home delivery and in places like community centers.

"This grant is especially timely given the disproportionately high toll that COVID-19 has been taking on seniors around the world," said Governor Abbott. "As social distancing measures increasingly and appropriately limit people's social mobility, it is imperative that alternate means for feeding our state's elderly like Meals on Wheels receive additional resources to handle the growing need."

Texas will receive its proportional grant, \$16,205,796, second only to California (\$25 million) and Florida (\$18 million) this week for further distribution to local meal providers. Older adults who need assistance can contact the Eldercare Locator to find services available in their community. The Eldercare Locator can be reached at 1-800-677-1116 or <https://eldercare.acl.gov/>.

For more information about the Texas response to COVID-19, please visit <https://texas.gov/#covid19/>.

For more information about the Older Americans Act nutrition programs, please visit <https://ACL.gov>.

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