

NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE

2019 FACT SHEET

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT

The North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature requests that the General Assembly increase the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding by \$7 million in recurring funds. Investing in home and community-based programs makes social and economic sense. Where social isolation and physical inactivity make seniors at greater risk for depression, suicide, self-neglect, hospitalization and chronic illness, a system of community supports contributes to more positive outcomes. Services like these often help the frailest seniors continue to live at home and prevent more costly interventions.

As of September 2018, there were over 10,300 people waiting for services – primarily waiting for home-delivered meals, in-home personal care services, and help with home management tasks. Additional state funds are needed to help serve the age wave of older North Carolinians and reduce the number of people on the HCCBG waiting list.

Quick Facts about the Home and Community Care Block Grant

- The N.C. General Assembly consolidated funding sources when it established the Home and Community Care Block Grant in 1992 and took an important step toward establishing a well-coordinated service delivery system to meet the needs of older adults.
- There are 19 fundable services. Examples of these services include: home-delivered and congregate nutrition, in-home personal care, adult day services, information and options counseling, transportation, home modification/repairs, and respite services to help family caregiver.
- 69% of HCCBG funds are spent on in-home aide services and nutrition programs.
- The typical HCCBG recipient is a 78-year-old woman who lives alone and has two or more impairments to activities of daily living (ADL) and/or instrumental activities of daily living (IADL).
- Current funding for the Home and Community Care Block Grant:

State Funding:	\$31,375,969	47%
Federal Funding:	\$28,899,806	43%
Required Local Match:	<u>\$6,697,494</u>	<u>10%</u>
SYF 18-19 TOTAL:	\$66,973,269	100%