

## **BUDGET RESPONSES – DUPAGE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL**

*Please provide a history of DuPage Senior Citizen Council grant funding.*

A five year history of senior grant funding levels is provided below. The Village began providing grant funding to this agency in 1998.

Senior Grant Funding 5-Year History	
2009	\$ 39,674
2008	\$ 39,674
2007	\$ 38,795
2006	\$ 38,799
2005	\$ 17,000

*Can staff provide information describing the impact of the elimination of the DuPage Senior Citizen Council Grant Funding?*

Due to a mandate from the federal government's Older American's Act, the DSCC cannot exclude meals on wheels services to residents of municipalities that do not contribute funding to their program. However, financial shortfalls will require the DSCC to limit services to only the neediest D.G. and DuPage County residents as determined by a ranking system for eligibility upon intake. Intakes for the meals on wheels program are conducted by the DuPage County Human Services, Senior Citizens Services, not the DSCC. Their ranking system bases a senior's level of need, in part, on an immediate risk, high risk or low risk rating scale.

Inherent in the meals on wheels delivery program is a daily "well being" check. Volunteers and staff are trained to look for and report any signs that a senior may need further assistance. This is a service level that municipal funding helps supports but it is not a requirement for providers of the meals on wheels program. In other counties where municipal funding and other donations are not adequate, the level of service is lowered to the required minimum of dropping off several meals once a week without the daily contact and well being check.

### Eligibility for Meals on Wheels

- DuPage senior age 60 & over and
- The senior is in need of home delivered meals either because they are frail, home bound or living alone.

80% of seniors receiving meals are low income and fall between 0% - 51% of the median family income for one person households. (\$0 - \$26,400 a year for a one person household living in DuPage County)