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Serving the 11 Counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Winona

**Fund Availability Announcement  
For Immediate Release  
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**Federal and State Funds Available for Senior Nutrition Services  
For Older Adults in Southeastern Minnesota**

The Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging (SEMAAA) announces the availability of Federal Older Americans Act and State Nutrition funds for 2023.

SEMAAA is seeking qualified responders to provide congregate and home delivered meals targeted to older adults in the eleven county region.

Funding is intended to provide meals to older adults with the greatest risk of losing their independence. Congregate dining is provided in a group setting and home delivered meals are provided to homebound individuals. Other requirements include: local site management, targeting meals to those at risk, and providing information/referral to other services.

The service area for congregate meals must include all eleven counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona. Only multi-county service proposals (minimum of three counties) within the SEMAAA region will be considered for home delivered meals.

This is a competitive grant round. Successful grant applicants are eligible to renew for four additional years based on successful performance. Available funding is not guaranteed and will be reassessed annually.

Interested agencies must have their full application completed and submitted by October 21, 2022.

Beginning this grant round, application forms and instructions can be accessed through SEMAAA's SmartSimple platform. Please contact the personnel listed above to register your agency in the platform and to begin the grant application process.