

# Minnesota Board on Aging: Senior Nutrition Program

Performance Audit

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## Senior Nutrition Program Overview

- Federal program
- Meals to individuals age 60 or older
- Delivered to homes or served in a group setting
- In 2022:
  - 3.1 million meals
  - 40,013 program participants

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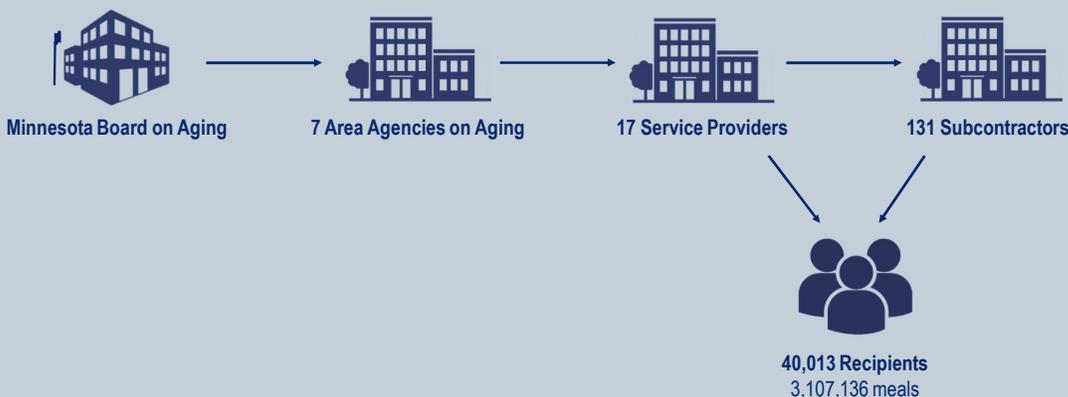
## Audit Objectives and Scope

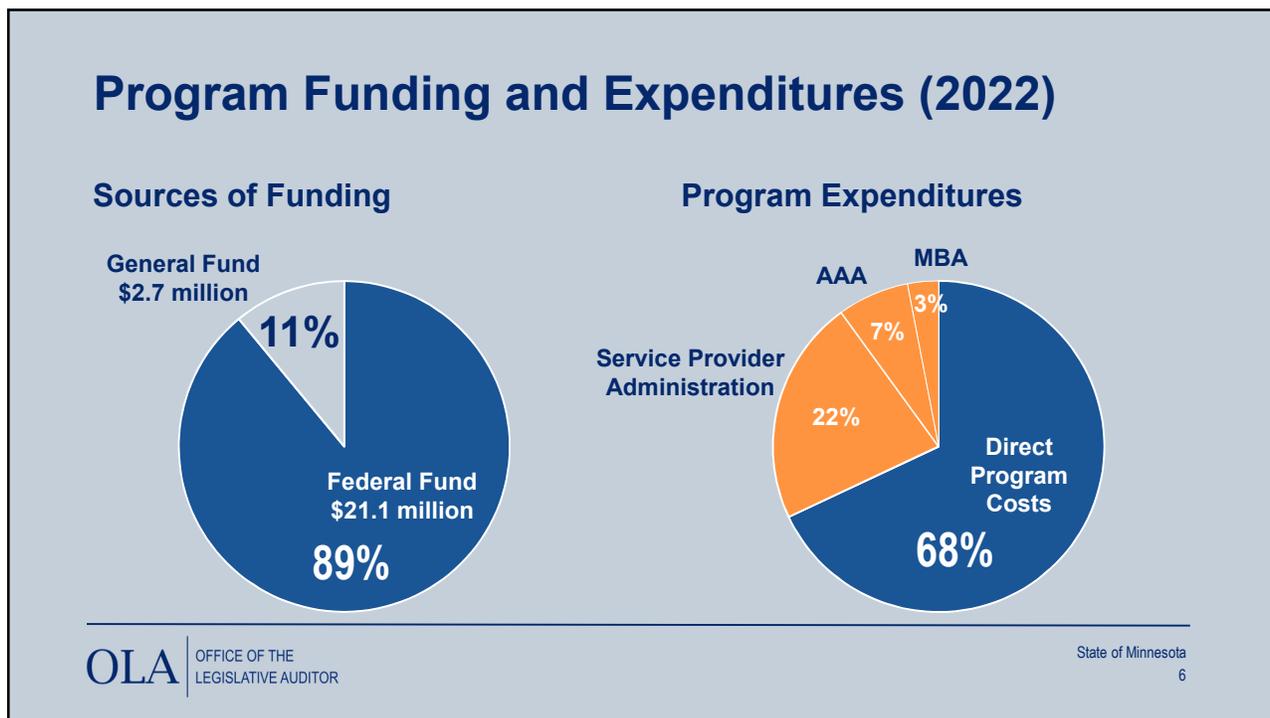
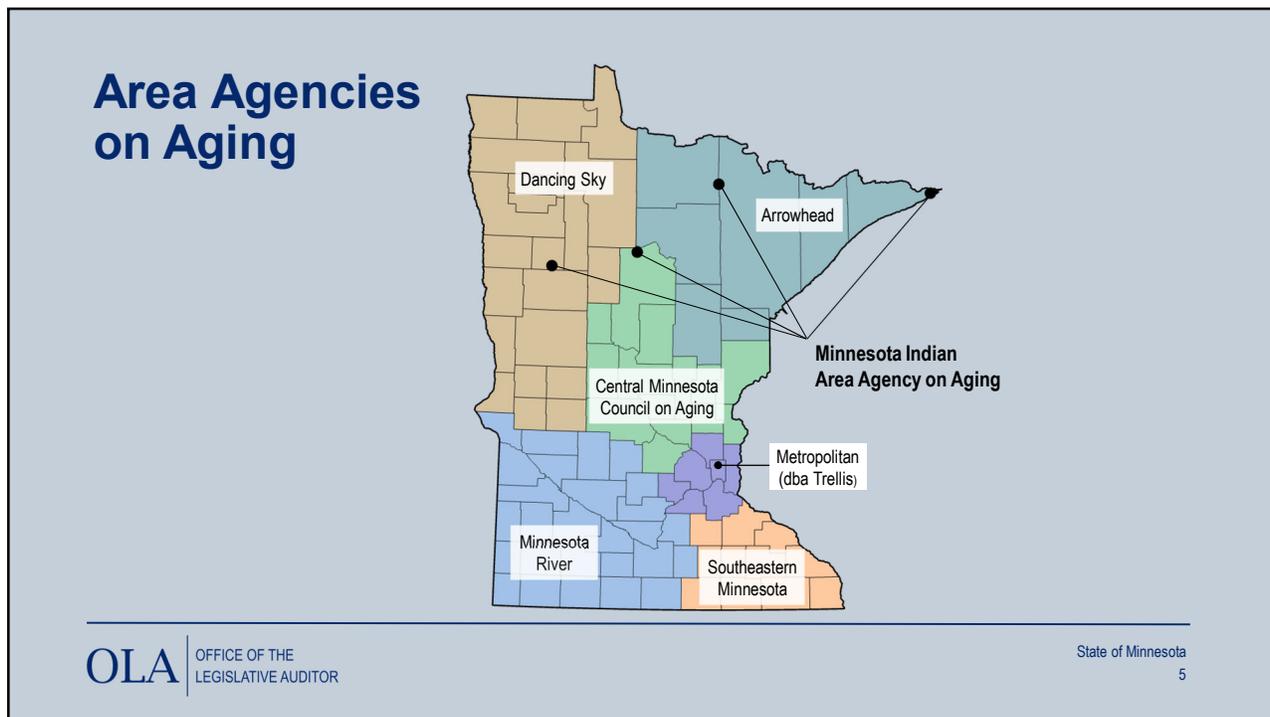
### Objectives:

- How well did the Minnesota Board on Aging and local Area Agencies on Aging administer the program?
- Did the Minnesota Board on Aging and local Area Agencies on Aging comply with significant program requirements?

Scope: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

## Program Administration





## Reimbursement for Program Services

Area Agency on Aging	Lowest Rate	Highest Rate
Arrowhead	\$6.08	\$ 7.42
Central Minnesota Council on Aging	4.82	8.50
Dancing Sky	4.75	6.50
Metropolitan (dba Trellis)	6.91	11.72
Minnesota Indian	4.65	30.37
Minnesota River	5.30	8.65
Southeastern Minnesota	7.23	8.40

## Audit Results

Findings span almost all areas of responsibilities:

- Documentation
- Monitoring
- Contract oversight
- Recertification of program participants
- Quality of program participant data

## Problems with Participant Recertification

### Requirement:

- Enroll before receiving first meal
- Recertify annually

### Result:

- 296 out of 581 forms missing or inaccurate data

## Minnesota Board on Aging Conducted No Monitoring

### Requirement:

- Financial reconciliations and closeout evaluations
- Site visits every other calendar year

### Result:

- No monitoring since 2017

## Area Agencies on Aging Conducted Inconsistent Monitoring

### Requirement:

- Onsite monitoring visits
  - Eligible individuals
  - Nutritional meals
  - Safe and clean environment

### Result:

- 6 of 7 either did not complete any site visits or did not complete the required number

## Participant Survey Identified Areas of Concern

10% of mailed surveys returned as undeliverable

### Respondents:

- 13% received a different service
- 19% did not receive meals
- 37% required to pay for at least some meals

## Recommendations

### Minnesota Board on Aging

- Provide clear guidance
- Provide oversight

### Area Agencies on Aging

- Comply with requirements of program
- Provide consistent oversight

### Legislature

- No specific recommendations

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