



# What is the IFF & Why It Matters in L.A. County



## The Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF)

is how California decides how to share funding with local agencies that provide services for older adults. These agencies, called Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), support services like:

- Meals (congregate & home-delivered)
- Legal Services
- Long-term care ombudsman services
- Information & assistance / navigation
- Caregiver support
- Case management

The State, through the California Department of Aging (CDA), is updating this formula to better reflect today's needs. The updated formula considers:

- Age (including 75+)
- Income
- Disability
- Geography
- Minority Status

## Why This Matters in L.A. County

Los Angeles County serves one of the **largest and most diverse** older adult populations in the state.

Based on initial estimates, **L.A. County could see up to a 17% reduction** in funding under the proposed formula.

**This could mean nearly 396,000 fewer meals each year (about 1,571 per day).**

Other essential services such as legal services, ombudsman support, caregiver support, and case management could also be affected.

## What We're Asking For

We support updating the formula and its focus on equity. We are asking for a **short validation step** before finalization to:

- Confirm the formula works as intended
- Ensure it reflects real-world service needs
- Avoid unintended impacts

