

2023-24 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Allocate an additional \$8M in recurring funds for the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

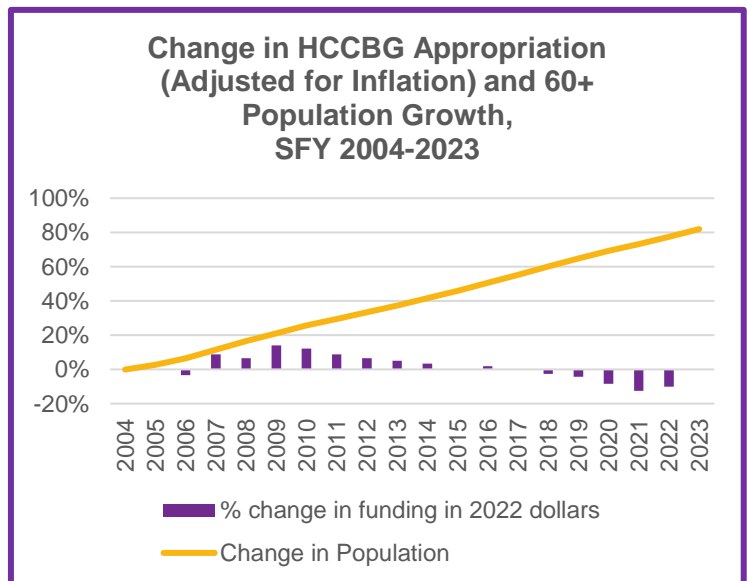
The Home and Community Care Block Grant is the primary funding source for community-based programs that support people ages 60 and older and current funding is insufficient to meet the need. The current state appropriation is \$36.9M.

The Background

- Community-based services such as adult day care, home-delivered meals, transportation, senior centers, and in-home aide, help older adults remain in their homes and cost far less than long-term care.
- The Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) combines federal Older Americans Act funding with separate state funding and local funds and is the primary funding source for non-Medicaid home and community-based services.
- HCCBG focuses on assisting persons with the greatest social or economic need, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older persons residing in rural areas.

The Issues

- When adjusted for inflation, North Carolina's HCCBG appropriation has **decreased by 10%** since 2004, while the population of those 60 and over **has grown by 82%**.
- Services have not been able to expand to keep up with the growing need.
- There are currently at least **10,000 older adults on NC's waiting lists** for HCCBG services.



The Solution

Allocate an additional \$8M in recurring funds to align HCCBG funding with the aging population growth, provide crucial services at lesser expense to the state, and help address the 10,000+ waiting list.