4,734 older Michiganders are getting less help than they need to stay safely at home.

Closing the gap costs about $1,000 per person a year, under $3 a day.

These older adults are **underserved**. They have been assessed and are receiving services, but not as much as they need. Because they aren't on a wait list, their need has gone uncounted. **This is the first year the Silver Key request includes them.**

WHO IS UNDERSERVED (END OF FY 2026)

2,841 home-delivered meals	**1,893 in-home services**

WHAT "UNDERSERVED" LOOKS LIKE

- Meals on some days, but not every day a meal is needed
- A few hours of personal care or homemaker help when more is needed
- Family caregivers stretched thin without enough respite

WHY IT'S A SMART INVESTMENT

1. **It protects what Michigan already pays for.** The state is already serving these older adults. Too little help can still end in a fall, a hospital stay or a nursing home move.
2. **It's low cost.** About $1,000 per person per year, a fraction of the cost of nursing home care.
3. **It's targeted.** These older adults are already enrolled, so new funding goes to people with a known, documented need.

THE ASK

$4.8M

Permanent increase, FY 2027 ACLS Bureau budget

Home-delivered meals	**$2.9M**
In-home services	**$1.9M**

TOTAL SILVER KEY REQUEST

Wait list (6,829)	$10M
Underserved (4,734)	$4.8M
Total	**$14.8M**

Legislators: Include $4.8M for the underserved, alongside the wait list request, in the FY 2027 budget. **Ask us for the numbers in your district.**

Residents: Tell your legislator. Find yours at house.mi.gov and senate.michigan.gov.

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Counts are statewide as of the end of FY 2026. Source: [data source]. Per-person cost = $4.8M ÷ 4,734 underserved older adults.