

Critical Funding Needed for Senior Meals

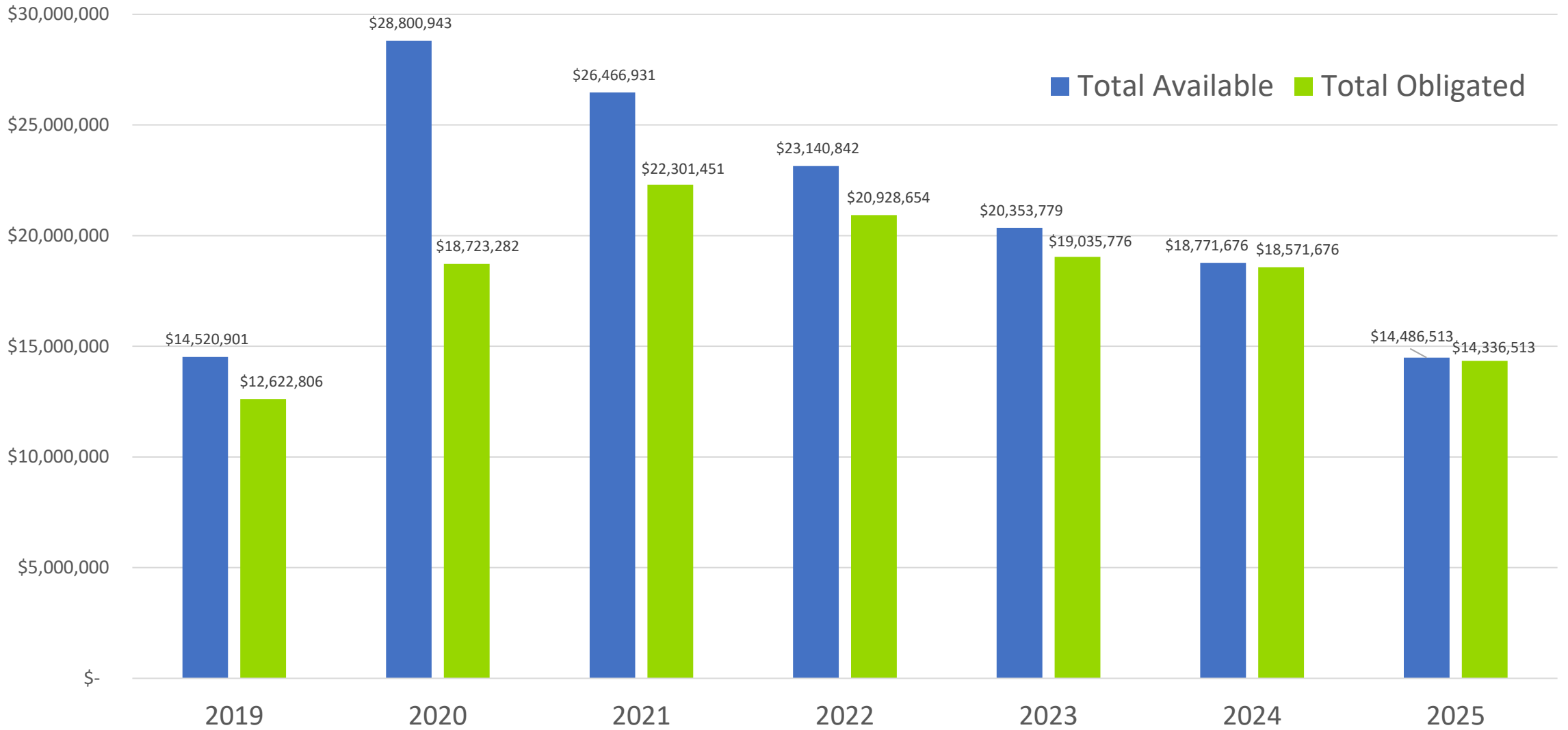
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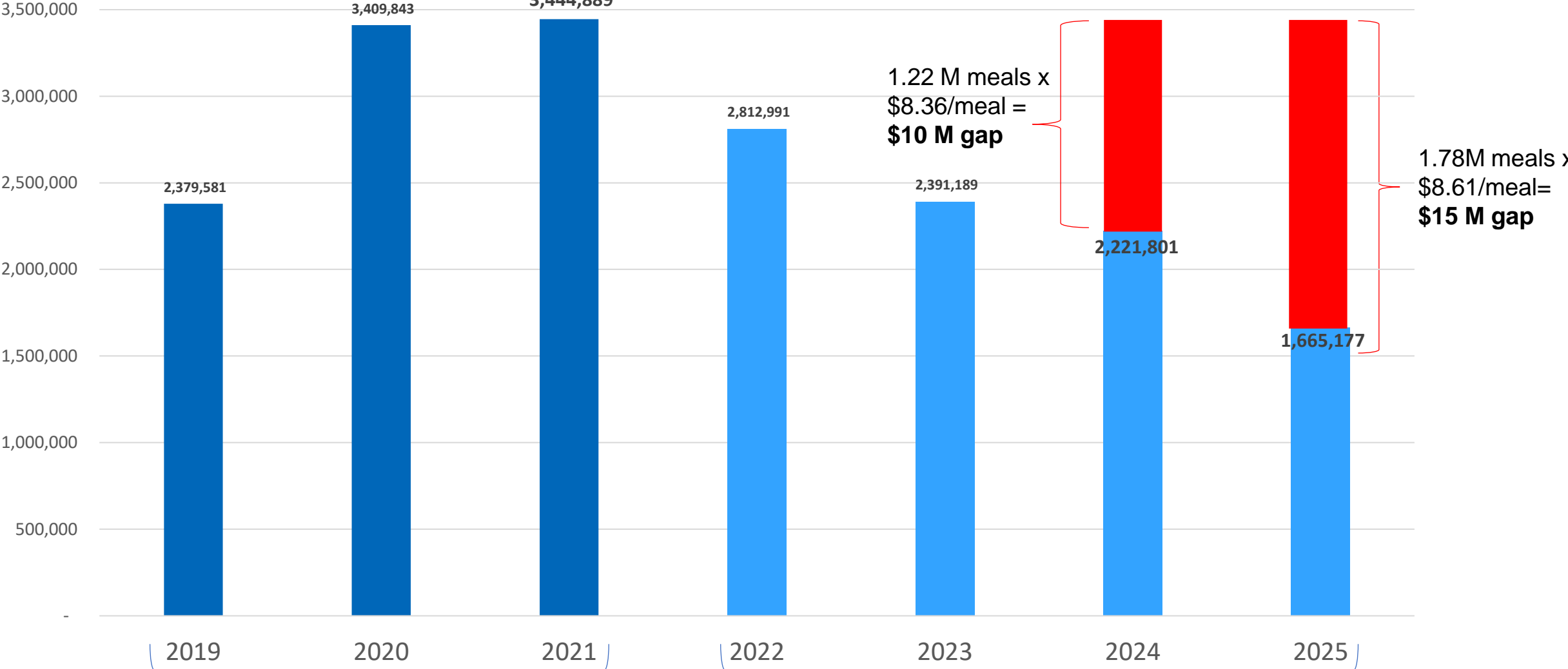
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Statewide Senior Meals Program Funding



Number of Senior Meals Funded



Actual Number of Meals Provided
(source: MN Board on Aging PeerPlace Database)

Estimated Number of Meals
(based on projected funding available and unit cost of meals)

Clients Served

Year	Congregate Dining	Home-Delivered Meals (HDM)	Total Persons Served	% Change
2019	34,666	10,831	45,497	-
2020	38,022	23,111	61,133	34%
2021	28,851	24,808	53,659	-12%
2022 (estimated)	19,889	23,280	43,169	-20%

Dramatic Cost increases

- + Food : up 38%
- + Gasoline : up 20% - 30%
- + Utilities : up 25%
- + Supplies : up 10% - 75%
- + Personnel : up 10% - 18%

Cost per meal increased 35% from 2020 to 2022 and expected to increase 12% more by 2024



Minnesota must have a reliable source of food for frail and food-insecure seniors

- Demand for home-delivered meals continues to climb even as the pandemic ends.
- Hunger Solutions reports 31% increase in food shelf visits by age 60+ adults.
- Workforce shortages are limiting nursing home and homecare options. We must meet the basic need for food for frail seniors at home.



**We need your
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to increase biennial
funding for senior
meals by \$20M.**

**Support
senior meals!**



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