## Services Across Greater Lowell

## **Agency Summary**

Choices for Life's Journey

Since 1974, AgeSpan has sought to understand and address the needs of adults over the age of 60 throughout the 28 communities we serve in the Merrimack Valley and the North Shore. We offer a broad range of services to support healthy aging and advance health equity for all residents. AgeSpan plays a key role in providing low-income older adults with a range of needed supports including Meals on Wheels, Home Care Case Management, Elder Abuse Investigation (Protective Services), Caregiver support, SHINE Medicare Counseling, and more.

Across all programs, AgeSpan serves approximately 80,000 consumers each year. While much of our work is supported by state and federal grants, private philanthropy enables us to provide innovative initiatives, respond to identified gaps in services, and help older adults live healthier lives. We are an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and an Aging Services Access Point (ASAP).

## **MA Legislative Priorities**

- Funding for Home Care Line Items ELD 9110-1630 and 9110-1633
- Funding for elder nutrition/Meals on Wheels program in FY24 closeout supplemental budget and FY25 budget
- An Act promoting housing stability for older adults across the commonwealth. Senate: Bill SD.1357, House: Bill HD.359

Town	Nutrition (Total Meals, Consumers)	Homecare Services (Consumers)	Caregiver Services (Families)	Housing Support (Consumers)
Lowell	173,329, for 947	3,674	73	-
Chelmsford	34,855, for 301	319	30	134
North Chelmsford	11,928, for 92	175	-	-
Westford	15,889, for 114	238	23	-
Tyngsboro	17,160, for 122	183	16	-
Dracut	44,979, for 343	472	41	-
Billerica	37,687, for 258	478	37	177
Dunstable	1,391 for 27	16	3	-
Tewksbury	41,097, for 287	365	45	92
Total	Meals - 378,315 Consumers - 2,491	5,920	268	403