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## **STATE BUDGET INCLUDES INCREASED FUNDING FOR OLDER COLORADANS**

**DENVER** – As part of his proposed budget for the State of Colorado, Gov. John Hickenlooper announced Wednesday an additional \$4 million in funding for aging services in Colorado. The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is the federally designated Area Agency on Aging for eight metro Denver counties and expects to receive roughly 40 percent of these funds.

DRCOG’s Area Agency on Aging provides services to older adults and people with disabilities, including meals and nutrition, transportation, and caregiver services. Once available the funding will have an immediate positive effect on the region’s older adults by addressing extensive waiting lists and delivering essential services. With one in four of the region’s residents expected to be older than 60 by 2040, the growing population has put a strain on resources.

“We want to express our sincere thanks to Governor Hickenlooper for his continued support of aging Coloradans,” said Doug Rex, DRCOG executive director. “Our state is faced with the challenge of meeting the needs of one of the fastest-growing aging populations in the country with limited funds. This will go a long way to making life better for some of our most vulnerable residents.”

The Area Agency on Aging provides information and assistance, case management, funding for numerous providers throughout the region, and hosts the region’s Network of Care website ([drcog.networkofcare.org](http://drcog.networkofcare.org)) with links to more than 1000 community providers.

***The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization through which local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility, growth and development, and aging and disability resources.***

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