



## ***A World Where Aging is Honored*** **CVCOA Helpline 1-800-642-5119**

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### **Meals on Wheels of America Awards COVID-19 Grant to Central Vermont Council on Aging**

**Barre, VT** (April 12, 2020) Central Vermont Council on Aging is pleased to announce it has received a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from Meals on Wheels of America to support Meals on Wheels nutrition programs in Central Vermont during the COVID-19 crisis. Funds from the grant helped pay for 20,000 frozen and shelf-ready back up meals needed to meet sudden and urgent need for more meals during the pandemic crisis. This grant also paid for hand sanitizer for the dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers who continue to deliver nutritious meals to clients under Vermont Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control protocols for social distancing and personal protective equipment protocols.

With this grant, Central Vermont Council on Aging will support the Meals on Wheels sites that are under pressure to meet the sudden, growing number of clients during this crisis and promotes CVCOA's mission to "support Central Vermonters to age with dignity and choice." "We are so grateful for this swift and urgent action by Meals on Wheels of America, and their donors, in making these funds available to help Meals on Wheels programs meet the unprecedented need for additional funds to meet the nutritional needs of seniors during this pandemic," said Kathy Paquet, Central Vermont Council on Aging's Nutrition Director.

*Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA)'s vision is a world where aging is honored. We serve 54 Vermont towns. Visit the CVCOA website at [www.cvcoa.org](http://www.cvcoa.org) or for assistance call the CVCOA Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 or email [info@cvcoa.org](mailto:info@cvcoa.org). CVCOA is located at 59 N. Main Street, Suite 200 in Barre with regional offices in Morrisville, Randolph, South Royalton, and Rochester.*