



LSS Meals and Utilization of CORE Funding

“SERVING MINNESOTA’S VETERANS IN NEED OF FOOD SECURITY”

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CORE Meals Activity Summary

This report summarizes LSS Meals activity under the MDVA CORE partnership for the July 1st–August 30th, 2025 reporting period. LSS Meals received CORE funding to provide home-delivered meals to Veterans and other eligible participants across Minnesota, excluding Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. This report is intended to provide a status update regarding activities during this reporting period.

During this initial reporting window, no CORE-funded meal deliveries, billed Meals expenditures, billed meals, client counts, or county-level service activity were recorded. The program was in a start-up phase throughout this two-month period. Program efforts during this reporting period centered on preparatory activities, including establishing referral pathways/coordination, clarifying service expectations, aligning CORE/Meals operations, and building the foundation for future meal delivery and reporting.

Next Steps

Following the start-up period, the program’s focus shifted toward active service delivery. The team worked to improve referral awareness, clarify eligible service areas, and coordinate with County Veteran Service Officers, while ensuring that LSS Meals operations could support reliable intake, meal fulfillment, billing, and reporting as referrals converted into active meal service. Actual meal data will be provided in the next report.

About LSS Meals

LSS Meals is a long-standing nutrition service of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota that helps older adults and other eligible individuals remain nourished, connected, and supported in their daily lives. Across Minnesota, LSS Meals provides home-delivered meals and community dining opportunities through local partnerships, volunteers, and coordinated service networks. At its heart, the program is about more than food. It is about promoting dignity, reducing isolation, and helping people remain in the homes and communities they know and value.



The history of LSS Meals reached back to 1973, when senior nutrition services began within Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota in response to a growing recognition that older adults deserve both nourishment and community support as they age. Over the decades, the program has grown alongside the needs of Minnesota communities, expanding access to meals and adapting its approach to serve people in ways that are practical, respectful, and responsive. What began as a nutrition program has become a trusted source of care and connection for many Minnesotans, grounded in the belief that every person should have the opportunity to live with health, dignity, and a sense of belonging.

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