

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Representing Oklahoma's **11 Council of Governments** serving all 77 counties, OARC helps local governments translate state and federal dollars into measurable outcomes. In FY 2025, COG-administered programs generated **\$257.1 million** in statewide economic impact. The 2026 priorities outlined here reflect essential investments identified by community leaders and offer meaningful returns for Oklahoma taxpayers.

RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN (REAP)



- Supports communities under 7,000
- FY 2027 Request: +\$3M statewide
- **\$46M Project Requests vs \$39M available**

RURAL FIRE DEFENSE PROGRAM



- Supports 875+ rural fire departments
- Improves ISO ratings & public safety
- **FY 2027 Request: \$125,000 per COG**

RURAL FIRE APPARATUS REPLACEMENT - CAB & CHASSIS PROGRAM



- Replaces aging wildland and tender apparatus
- ~120 Grass Rig chassis & 11 Tender chassis annually
- **FY 2027 Request: \$9M for 3-5 years**

SUBSTATE PLANNING DISTRICT PROGRAM



- Provides planning & grant-writing statewide
- **FY 2027 Request: \$50,000 per COG**

RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM



- Connects residents to essential services
- **FY 2027 Request: \$100,000 per COG**

LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR PROGRAM



- Supports rural police & sheriff departments
- Expands grant-writing capacity
- **FY 2027 Request: \$125,000 per COG**

CENA SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM



- Supports 412 senior centers
- **FY 2027 Request: \$3.5M + carryover authority**

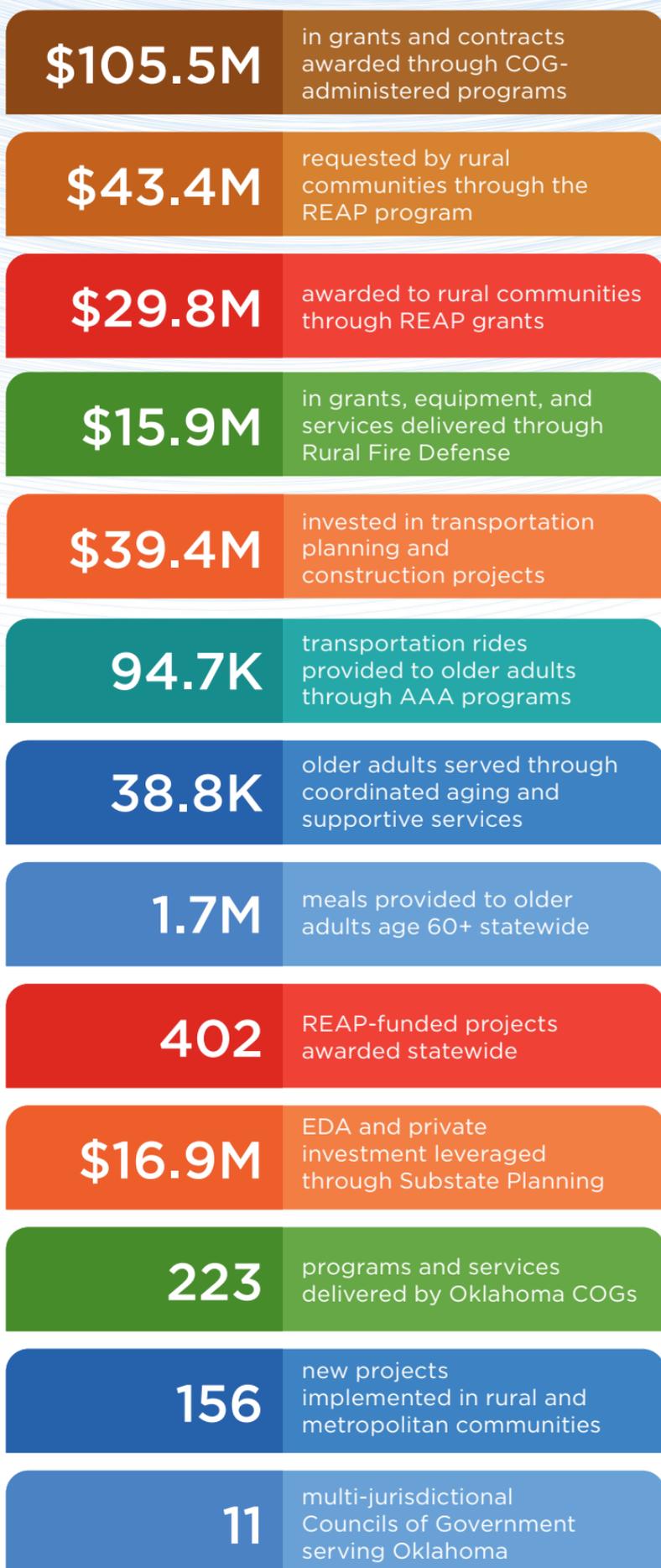
OAA TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



- Enables older adults to age safely in place
- **FY 2027 Request: + \$2M state match**

OARC delivers high-ROI programs supporting essential local services across all **77 counties**.

FY25 OARC SNAPSHOT



FY 2025 figures reflect actual dollars awarded or expended through Oklahoma Councils of Government, direct service outputs, documented REAP activity, and leveraged EDA and private investment reported statewide. Where submissions were incomplete or inconsistent, standardized methods and statewide averages were applied to ensure a consistent statewide snapshot.