Alzheimer's is a **Public Health Crisis** Devastating **Minnesota**

In 2020,
102,000
Minnesotans
were living with Alzheimer's.

10.7% of
Minnesotans
over 65 were living with Alzheimer's.

In 2023 **164,000**
family caregivers provided
225 million
hours of unpaid care valued at
$5.3 billion

Medicaid costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's in 2020
$905 million
Medicaid costs are expected to increase
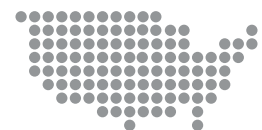**20.1%**
by 2025.

Alzheimer's disease is one of the **most expensive** diseases in the U.S. costing
$360 billion

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What **Minnesota** Officials Can Do to Address the Crisis

Local dementia support is critical - HF1674 (Curran) / SF1679 (Kupec)

Alzheimer's disease affects 102,000 Minnesotans and over 171,000 unpaid caregivers. Caring for people with dementia costs the state almost a billion dollars annually. As we are now in an era of treatment for dementia, it is critical that we work to change this trajectory by building the infrastructure to ensure early diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease with community partners.

Current landscape

The Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) currently provides $750,000 in competitive grant funding annually to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, promote early identification, increase cognitive testing and connect family, friends and caregivers to resources. This includes an emphasis on veterans, rural communities and other underserved populations.

Increased funding needed

Existing funding does not come close to meeting the needs of Minnesota families. The Alzheimer's Association urges policymakers to increase funding for these regional and local dementia grants by another $750,000 annually so we can meet the needs of families across Minnesota impacted by dementia through evidence-based programs in their local communities. We also encourage the state to ensure projects are not funded that duplicate existing work by other non-profits focused on dementia and older adults.

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