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	AFCSP Alzheimer's Family & Caregiver Support Program	NFCSP National Family Caregiver Support Program	RCAW Caregiver Respite Grant Program (CRGP)
Funding Source	State of Wisconsin GPR State and GWAAR distribute funds to counties	Federal AOA Program- State distributes funds to each Area Agency on Aging (AAA). GWAAR distributes funds to counties in its service area	State of Wisconsin GPR RCAW distributes grant awards to caregiver applicants.
Maximum Annual Allocation Per Applicant	\$4,000, but agencies may set a lower maximum service level in order to serve more families.  <i>Actual service payment</i> is based on care needs.	None in federal policy, but local agencies often set their own limits. Participants are limited to 112 hours of respite per calendar year.	There is no maximum annual allocation per applicant. Can apply for five days of respite care in a 90-day period, up to 4x per year, 20 days per year max. Application is based on family caregiver needs and the acuity level of the care recipient.
Eligibility Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diagnosis of probable irreversible dementia: Alzheimer's, vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, Parkinson's with dementia, Pick's disease, mixed or undetermined dementia, etc. Diagnosis must be "irreversible, cognitive impairment."</li> <li>2. Resides in home setting or can be used to provide limited caregiver support if person is living in a CBRF, RCAC or Independent Living arrangement. (Not for room &amp; board)</li> <li>3. \$48,000 max gross income of person &amp; spouse; Alzheimer's related expenses can be deducted.</li> <li>4. Not simultaneously enrolled in NFCSP or receiving caregiver respite through Family Care or another LTC program.</li> <li>5. No asset test</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Care recipient is age 60 or older – or has Alzheimer's or other dementia, <i>any age</i></li> <li>2. Has significant cognitive or mental impairment or requires help with two or more Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) or Independent Activities of Daily Living (IADLs).</li> <li>3. Resides in home setting or can be used to provide minimal caregiver support if person is living in a CBRF, RCAC or Independent Living arrangement. (Not for room &amp; board)</li> <li>4. No income or asset test</li> <li>5. Priority is given to those at risk of being placed in a LTC facility and those with greatest social and economic need.</li> <li>6. If the care recipient is enrolled in Family Care or another LTC program, caregivers can still receive limited support from the program.</li> <li>7. Grandparents and relatives who are primary caregivers of children age 18 and younger also qualify. Must be age 55+ and live with the child.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Applicants must meet all three requirements below:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be the primary family caregiver (does not need to live with care recipient)</li> <li>2. Care recipients must live in Wisconsin.</li> <li>3. Require respite care in the absence of any other funding source.</li> </ol> <p>See <a href="#">Eligibility Criteria Form</a></p> <p><b>Care recipient must meet be</b> an adult (18+) or a child (under 18) with special needs who requires care or supervision to meet the person's basic needs; prevent physical self-injury or injury to others or avoid placement in an institutional facility.</p> <p><b>And meet one of the following situations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has applied for LTC but is not expecting to receive services or approval within thirty (30) days of the application or is on a waitlist.</li> <li>2. Has been denied Long- Term Care Waiver support(s) or other programs that provides respite services.</li> </ol>

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<p>How to Refer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend....</li> <li>• The AFCSP Coordinator will assess eligibility, complete paperwork, and work cooperatively with case managers from other programs and dementia care specialists</li> <li>• Cannot access AFCSP and NFCSP simultaneously.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend....</li> <li>• The AFCSP and NFCSP coordinators should meet regularly to determine the appropriate program for enrollment and maximize the number of families served by each program.</li> <li>• Cannot access AFCSP and NFCSP simultaneously.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend....</li> <li>• The AFCSP and NFCSP coordinators should meet regularly to determine the appropriate program for enrollment and maximize the number of families served by each program</li> </ul>

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<p>Use of Funds</p>	<p>Authorized by DHS Chapter 68 (For more detail <a href="http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/dhs/68">http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/dhs/68</a>).</p> <p>Typical goods and services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respite care or home care services (personal care assistance, meal prep, medication assistance and monitoring, homemaker services, yard work and snow removal, etc.)</li> <li>• Emergency response systems</li> <li>• Transportation expenses</li> <li>• Incontinence supplies</li> <li>• Home safety modifications</li> <li>• Adaptive equipment and assistive technology</li> <li>• Home-delivered meals</li> <li>• Specialized clothing</li> <li>• Activities and hobby supplies</li> <li>• Legal expenses related to guardianship</li> <li>• Caregiver counseling services</li> <li>• Caregiver education classes</li> <li>• Individualized services as approved</li> </ul>	<p>Authorized by Older Americans Act, Title III <a href="http://www.aoa.gov/AoA_programs/HCLTC/Caregiver/index.aspx">http://www.aoa.gov/AoA_programs/HCLTC/Caregiver/index.aspx</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and assistance to caregivers about available services</li> <li>• Limited short-term respite care provided in the home, at a day program or a short stay in a facility and includes things such as:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chore services such as yard work, snow shoveling or heavy housework</li> <li>• Personal care such as dressing, bathing, or toileting</li> <li>• Medication monitoring</li> <li>• Daily homemaking tasks such as meal preparation, shopping, or light housework</li> <li>• Companionship and general supervision for safety purposes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Transportation and assisted transportation</li> <li>• Assistive devices (weighted silverware, adaptive clothing, door locks, bed alarms, etc.)</li> <li>• Minor home modifications (wheelchair ramps, grab bars, etc.)</li> <li>• Supplies (incontinent supplies, etc.)</li> <li>• Safety equipment (emergency response system, Safe Return, etc.)</li> <li>• Caregiver training, education and support groups</li> <li>• Other services as agreed by caregivers and the agency</li> <li>• Community outreach and education</li> </ul> <p><i>Limits</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplemental services cannot exceed 20% of the grant expenditures.</li> <li>• No more than 10% of the NFCSP allocation can be spent on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – Check your policy manual.</li> </ul>	<p>Funds can only be used to pay for respite services whether provided in-home, out of home, camp or the like.</p> <p>Once an applicant has provided the Supporting Documentation and Eligibility Criteria Forms, the next step is <a href="#">the application</a>.</p> <p>New! <a href="#">Supplemental Respite Grant Program</a></p>
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<p>Fund Dispersal</p>	<p>The maximum allocation for each family is based on care needs and cannot exceed \$4,000/year. Counties and tribes can set lower limits. Goods and services must be approved by the administrative agency in advance. Payments can be made to the service agency directly or reimburse program participants or the primary caregiver/ representative for approved expenses using invoices and receipts.</p>	<p>Goods and services must be approved by the administrative agency in advance. Payments can be made to the service agency directly or reimburse program participants or the primary caregiver/ representative for approved expenses using invoices and receipts.</p>	<p>Applicants are eligible to apply for a respite grant 1x every 90 days. Requests are based on care recipient needs, geographic location of services provided, and length of time respite is needed. Grants are awarded and paid to applicant (usually primary caregiver) so they can pay the respite care provider for services rendered. In circumstances where respite care is provided in a facility-based setting, we can pay the facility directly.</p>
<p>Details to note</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If all funding is allocated in a given year, a waiting list may be created to serve families if funding becomes available in the future.</li> <li>• Once enrolled in AFCSP, a person remains in the program until the program is no longer needed, determined by the family and AFCSP Coordinator.</li> <li>• If AFCSP funds have been exhausted, family can apply for NFCSP, assuming there are sufficient NFCSP funds remaining.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respite care is limited to 112 hours per calendar year. (Jan.-Dec.)</li> <li>• Before requesting NFCSP funds for a person with dementia, case managers should check with the AFCSP Coordinator to see if there are funds available through AFCSP, and if so, whether the person is eligible for AFCSP.</li> <li>• Best practice is to enroll a person with dementia in AFCSP. If a family is eligible for AFCSP but funds are unavailable, they may enroll in NFCSP but should also be added to the AFCSP waiting list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No limit of hours – must be reasonable</li> <li>• No limit on amount – must be reasonable</li> <li>• Can only apply 1 time every 90 days subject to funding availability.</li> </ul>