CROSS-COMPARISON OF THE AFCSP, NFCSP, AND RCAW'S GRANTS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAMS

	AFCSP Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program (Jan-Dec)	NFCSP National Family Caregiver Support Program (Oct-Sept)	CRGP RCAW Caregiver Respite Grant Program (July-June)	SRGP & HMHM RCAW Supplemental Respite Grant Program & Healthy Minds, Healthy Meals (July-June)
Funding Source	State of Wisconsin GPR State and GWAAR distribute funds to counties	Federal AOA Program- The State distributes funds to each Area Agency on Aging (AAA). GWAAR distributes funds to counties in its service area. Wisconsin tribes receive federal caregiver support program funding directly from ACL as part of tribal Title VI funding.	State of Wisconsin GPR and Federal Administration for Community Living Lifespan Respite Grant funds. RCAW distributes CRGP grant awards to caregiver applicants.	State of Wisconsin GPR and Federal Administration for Community Living Lifespan Respite Grant funds. RCAW distributes SRGP & HMHM grant awards to caregiver applicants.
Maximum Annual Allocation Per Applicant	$4,000, but agencies may set a lower maximum service level to serve more families. *Actual service payment* is based on care needs.	New! Wisconsin permanently eliminated a state annual limit of 112 hours of respite available through NFCSP. Families are no longer restricted by state-imposed limits on the number of respite hours a county or tribal agency can approve.	There is no maximum annual allocation per applicant, nor a limit to # of hours. Each request is reviewed on its own merits, taking into account the needs of the family caregiver and the care recipient's acuity level. *Actual service payment* is based on care needs.	The Supplemental Respite Grant Program (SRGP) supports primary caregivers who cannot be served by other Long-Term Care waiver or caregiver support programs by providing $250 per application for supplemental respite items.
Eligibility Requirements	**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. **2.** In-home, or can be used to provide caregiver respite and supplemental services for people living in a CBRF, RCAC, or Independent Living arrangement. (Not for room & board) **3.** Not simultaneously enrolled in NFCSP or receiving caregiver respite through Family Care **4.** No asset test	**1.** Has physical limitations or a form of dementia that requires assistance for at least two activities of daily living. **2.** Resides in home setting (not facility) **3.** Care recipient is age 60 or older – or has Alzheimer's or another dementia, *any age.* **4.** Grandparents or other relatives (non-parents) aged 55 and older who are the primary caregivers for a child under age 18. **5.** Caregiver aged 55 and older who cares for a person aged 18 to 59 with a severe disability. **6.** No income or asset test **7.** Priority is given to low-income individuals and those with a diagnosis of dementia. **8.** Typically, not available to caregivers if the care recipient is enrolled in Family Care or another LTC program.	**1.** Be the primary family caregiver (does not need to live with care recipient) **2.** Care recipients must live in Wisconsin. **3.** Require respite care in the absence of any other funding source. Care recipient must be an adult (18+) or a child (under 18) with special needs who requires care or supervision to meet the person's basic needs, **and meet one of the following situations:** **1)** Applied for a Long-Term Care Waiver or similar program, but will not receive services or approval within 30 days. **2)** Denied Long-Term Care Waiver support or other respite programs. **3)** Approved for a Long-Term Care Waiver or respite program, but has already used all available funds. **4)** Receiving other support but needs flexibility for services that current funding does not cover. **5)** Did not apply for a Long-Term Care Waiver because they are not eligible for other supports.	To qualify for the grant, the primary or family caregiver must have a professional (such as an ADRC staff member, Tribal ADRS, or county case manager) complete the Supporting Documentation Form. This form must show that the care recipient meets one of the following conditions: **1)** Applied for a Long-Term Care Waiver or similar program, but will not receive services or approval within 30 days. **2)** Denied Long-Term Care Waiver support or other respite programs. **3)** Approved for a Long-Term Care Waiver or respite program, but has already used all available funds. **4)** Receiving other support but needs flexibility for services that current funding does not cover. **5)** Did not apply for a Long-Term Care Waiver because they are not eligible for other supports.

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How to Refer	Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworkers, medical staff, family members, or friends. The AFCSP Coordinator will assess eligibility, complete paperwork, and work cooperatively with case managers from other programs and dementia care specialists.	Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworkers, medical staff, family members, or friends. 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.	Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworkers, medical staff, family members, or friends. 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.	Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworkers, medical staff, family members, or friends. 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.
Fund Dispersal	The maximum allocation for each family is determined using DHS eligibility worksheets. Payments are made using invoices and receipts. May pay a service agency directly or reimburse program participants or the primary caregiver/ representative for approved expenses.	Services must be approved by the administrative agency in advance for goods and services to be purchased using NFCSP funds. Payments to service providers are typically made monthly, but alternative timeframes are also permitted.	Applicants may apply for a CRGP grant multiple times a year. Requests are approved based on the care recipient's needs, the geographic location of services provided, the length of time respite is needed, and funding availability. Grants are awarded and paid to applicants (primary family) on a reimbursement basis, covering approved costs paid to the respite care provider for services rendered. In circumstances where a business provides respite care, we can pay the company directly. Applicants are eligible to apply multiple times a year, depending on funding.	Applicants may apply for an SRGP grant multiple times a year. Requests are approved based on the care recipient's needs, the geographic location of the services provided, and funding availability. Grants are paid directly to the applicant (family caregiver), allowing them to cover their supplemental respite services expenses. Applicants are eligible to apply multiple times a year, depending on funding.
Details to note	If all funding is allocated in a given year, a waiting list may be created till funds are available. Once enrolled in AFCSP, a person remains in the program until officially disenrolled by the AFCSP Coordinator (for reasons such as death, facility placement, Family Care, NFCSP, ineligible income, etc.). The AFCSP Coordinator may apply for NFCSP on behalf of clients who have needs that surpass their maximum program allowance under AFCSP.	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. Best practice is to enroll a person with dementia in AFCSP first rather than NFCSP. If a family is eligible for AFCSP but funds are unavailable, they may enroll in NFCSP; however, they should also be added to the AFCSP waiting list.	This program supports family caregivers who fall through the cracks of the AFCSP, NFCSP, and LTSS. **1.** No minimum or maximum limit of hours – must be reasonable. **2.** No minimum or maximum limit on amount – must be reasonable. **3.** Can apply multiple times a year, subject to funding availability. **4.** Can process payment within hours in an emergency. Otherwise, a typical application is processed in 48 hours.	This program supports family caregivers who fall through the cracks of the AFCSP, NFCSP, and LTSS. **1.** Qualified home modifications. **2.** Technology for safety, to decrease isolation, and increase social engagement. **3.** Housekeeping and laundry services. **4.** Lawn mowing **5.** Snow removal. **6.** Transportation needs. **7.** Sensory Items. **8.** Healthy Minds, Healthy Meals