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	AFCSP Alzheimer's Family & Caregiver Support Program (Jan-Dec)	NFCSP National Family Caregiver Support Program (Oct-Sept)	CRGP RCAW Care Respite Grant Program (July-June)
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, nor a limit to # of hours. Each request is reviewed on its own merits, needs of family caregiver and acuity level of care recipient.  <i>Actual service payment</i> is based on care needs.
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.</li> <li>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 &amp; board)</li> <li>3. \$48,000 max gross income of person &amp; spouse</li> <li>4. Not simultaneously enrolled in NFCSP or receiving caregiver respite through COP /Waiver, or Family Care</li> <li>5. No asset test</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has significant cognitive or mental impairment or requires help with two or more activities of daily living</li> <li>2. Resides in home setting (not facility)</li> <li>3. Care recipient is age 60 or older – or has Alzheimer's or other dementia, <i>any age</i></li> <li>4. No income or asset test</li> <li>5. Priority is given to low-income individuals and those with a diagnosis of dementia</li> <li>6. Available to caregivers of all older adults aged 60+, even if the care recipient is enrolled in Family Care or another LTC program. Caregiver is the program recipient.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Applicants must meet all three requirements</b> below:</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><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> <li>3. Has been approved for Long- Term Care Waiver support(s) or other programs that provide respite services and will exhaust funding from said programs.</li> <li>4. Has applied and is receiving LTC-Waiver</li> </ol>

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			<p>supports, and the applicant needs the flexibility to hire a family member or friend that is not covered by current funding supports.</p> <p>5. Has not applied for a Long-Term Care Waiver support(s), because they are ineligible for other supports.</p> <p>Examples of LTC programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Care</li> <li>• Include Respite I Self-Direct (I.R.I.S.)</li> <li>• Children's Long-Term Care Support (CLTS)</li> <li>• Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)</li> <li>• National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP)</li> <li>• Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP)</li> <li>• Foster Care Support Services</li> </ul> <p>If denied for a program – a copy of the denial letter must be sent to RCAW before completing an application or have the agency contact RCAW at 608-222-2033 or have them send an email to RCAW staff at <a href="mailto:info@respitecarewi.org">info@respitecarewi.org</a>.</p> <p><b>**If you do not meet any of the requirements above, please contact RCAW**</b></p>
How to Refer	<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> </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>	<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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Use of Funds	<p>Authorized by DHS Chapter 68 (<a href="#">Click here for detail</a>). Some things included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case management or service coordination</li> <li>• Intake and assessment</li> <li>• In-home respite/companionship</li> <li>• Adult day care/ Adult family home</li> <li>• Advocacy and legal assistance</li> <li>• Supportive home care - Help with personal care, bathing, medication monitoring/ chores</li> <li>• Safety improvements/ equipment</li> <li>• Caregiver training, including personal cares</li> <li>• Overnight respite in a facility</li> <li>• Specialized transportation and escort</li> <li>• Caregiver counseling and therapeutic resources</li> <li>• Housing and energy assistance</li> <li>• Community outreach and education</li> <li>• Crisis intervention</li> <li>• Protective payment or guardianship</li> <li>• Any other goods and services necessary to maintain the person with Alzheimer's at home.</li> </ul>	<p>Authorized by Older Americans Act, Title IIIE (<a href="#">Click here for details</a>) Some things included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and assistance to caregivers about available services</li> <li>• In-home respite/companionship (112/hrs./yr.)</li> <li>• Adult day care</li> <li>• Help with personal care, bathing, medication monitoring and chores</li> <li>• Home safety improvements/equipment</li> <li>• Caregiver training: incl. personal cares</li> <li>• Overnight respite in a facility</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Costs to attend or provide 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>Our <b>Supplemental Respite Grant Program (SRGP)</b> can support family caregivers by providing \$250 every 90 days of funding for supplemental respite services. This grant allows you to hire the person of your choice to help you with housekeeping, meal prep, laundry, lawn care, snow removal, transportation, and technology.</p>

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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 in order for goods and services to be purchased using NFCSP funds.  Payments to service providers are usually made monthly, but other timeframes are allowed.	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.
Details to note	<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 officially disenrolled by the AFCSP Coordinator (for reasons such as death, facility placement, switch to COP, Family Care, NFCSP, ineligible income, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>The AFCSP Coordinator may apply for NFCSP on behalf of clients who have needs that surpass their maximum program allowance under AFCSP. (Assuming there are sufficient NFCSP funds remaining)</p>	<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 first rather than NFCSP. 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>