

CAREGIVER RESPITE  
GRANT PROGRAM



Caregiver Support Community Statewide Call  
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**Supplemental  
Respite Grant  
Program  
(SRGP)**





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# CAREGIVER RESPITE GRANT ELIGIBILITY OVERVIEW

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- Has applied for a Long-term Care Waiver or other programs and not expecting to receive services or approval within thirty (30) days of the application
- Has been denied Long-Term Care Waiver support(s) or other programs that provide respite services
- Has been approved for Long-Term Care Waiver support(s) or other programs that provide respite services and has exhausted funds from said programs
- Has applied and is receiving other supports, and the applicant needs flexibility for services not covered by current funding supports.
- Has not applied for a Long-Term Care Waiver support(s) because they are ineligible for other supports



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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE: HOW TO APPLY FOR THE CAREGIVER RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM (CRGP)



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The CRGP Overview, Policy, and Procedure Form can be found [here](#).

**Step 1:** The family/primary caregiver (applicant) completes the [Eligibility Criteria Form](#).



**Step 2:** The ADRC or County submits the [Supporting Documentation Form for RCAW Grant Programs](#).



**Step 3:** RCAW receives and reviews the Eligibility Criteria Form & Supporting Documentation Form, and qualified candidates will be emailed a link to the CRGP application.



**Step 4:** The family/primary caregiver (applicant) completes and submits the application; RCAW will notify them if their application is approved via email, with a link to The Grant Report.



**Step 5:** After the last date of respite, the family/primary caregiver (applicant) must sign The Grant Report, verifying the dates and times of respite care, and RCAW will send the approved grant funds via USPS.



**Other:** Depending on funds, family/primary caregivers may be able to reapply for the Caregiver Respite Grant Program a few times yearly. Please reference our website for up-to-date information.

**Applicants must complete the [Caregiver Respite Experience Survey](#) to be eligible to reapply.**

This form is a high-level overview of the CRGP. For more information on the program, visit the [webpage](#).

Use the link below

[How-To-Apply](#)

## **What caregivers had to say:**

***It really helped free up some of my time from caring for my mother. It really helped reduce my stress level. Thank you!***

***It is absolutely necessary to enable my mom to continue to reside in her own home - there should be increased funding for this versus covering people to go into facilities.***

***I so appreciated bringing “seen” and having concrete supports offered, whereas other times, it feels like I have to fight tooth and nail for even the small things that would actually make a difference for our crew. Thank you. It makes it less overwhelming to juggle all the things.***

***It was such a relief to be able to get out of the house and get a break and a rest for myself or to just focus on a project without having to worry about the financial strain of having to try to hire a caregiver.***



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The Supplemental Respite Grant Program supports primary caregivers by providing 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, sensory items, and technology.



## Supplemental Respite Grant Program

### Allowable Expenses



1. Qualified home modifications (does not include construction, painting, remodeling, or wear-and-tear upgrades):

- Wheelchair ramps,
- Grab bars,
- Interior and exterior accessible intervention,



2. Assistive technology, emergency response systems, and home safety interventions (does not include new televisions, new washers/dryers, etc.),



3. Home-delivered meals or in-home meal preparation,

4. Technology to decrease isolation and increase social engagement:

- Tablets/Computers to communicate with friends, family, etc.



5. Housekeeping and laundry services,

6. Lawn mowing,

7. Snow removal,



8. Transportation to meaningful or respite activities or medical appointments.

9. Sensory Items



Use the link below

# Allowable Expenses



If you have questions regarding the  
Caregiver Respite Grant Program  
or Supplemental Respite Grant Program,  
do not hesitate to reach out!

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