

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Can I request less than \$20,000?

Yes. The maximum request is **\$20,000 per county**, but you may request any amount up to that limit. Applicants are encouraged to request only the amount they can reasonably expend by **December 31, 2026**.

What happens if I don't spend all of the awarded funds?

Applicants should request only the amount they can reasonably expend during the performance period. Applications will be prioritized, in part, based on the applicant's demonstrated ability to fully expend funds by **December 31, 2026**. GWAAR also reserves the right to partially fund requests based on available funding and an applicant's ability to expend the funds.

Can I expand an existing respite program?

Yes. Additional respite opportunities are an allowable use of these funds, provided they support eligible NFCSP caregivers, do not replace existing NFCSP funding, and can be fully expended within the performance period.

Can I purchase caregiver supplies?

Yes, if the supplies qualify as an allowable Supplemental Service under NFCSP and directly support caregiving or caregiver self-care. Applications should clearly describe how the supplies will support family caregivers and fit within an allowable NFCSP service category.

Can these funds pay for caregiver conferences?

Yes. Caregiver conferences and educational events are identified as examples of allowable uses under **Caregiver Training and Education** and **Public Information and Outreach Activities**.

Can we pay presenter fees?

Yes. Presenter fees may be included if they are directly related to an approved caregiver education, training, conference, or public information activity funded through this opportunity. Applications should clearly describe the proposed activity and how it supports one or more goals of the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers.

Can these funds support caregiver self-care?

Yes. Supplemental services that support caregiving, **including caregiver self-care**, are specifically identified as allowable examples. Applications should explain how the proposed activity supports caregivers and aligns with NFCSP requirements.

Can we use the funds for public information and outreach?

Yes. Public information materials, outreach activities, educational events, and caregiver awareness efforts are allowable uses of these funds when they support the goals of the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

How detailed should the application narrative be?

The narrative is intentionally brief—**250 words or less**. It should clearly describe:

- How the funds will be used.
 - Why the proposed activities are needed locally.
 - How the activities support one or more goals of the [2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#).
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How will applications be prioritized?

Applications will be reviewed **in the order they are received**. Priority may be given to counties that demonstrate:

- Caregiver need or service demand.
 - The ability to begin services immediately.
 - A clear plan to fully expend funds by **December 31, 2026**.
 - How the proposed activities support one or more goals of the **2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers**.
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When will we know if we are funded?

Applications are accepted from **July 1 through July 31, 2026**. Once applications have been reviewed and approved, GWAAR will issue a **contract amendment** to awarded agencies. Approved funds will be available beginning with the **August claim**.

Can we amend our project after funding is awarded?

The Notice of Funding Opportunity does not include a formal amendment process. Agencies should submit an application that accurately reflects how they intend to use the funds. If circumstances change after an award is made, agencies should contact GWAAR before making significant changes to the approved project or budget. Any changes must remain consistent with allowable NFCSP activities and the approved scope of work. (This is consistent with standard grant administration practices; the NOFO does not establish a separate amendment policy.)