



DEMENTIA CARE RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM

July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

Eligibility and Application Instructions

Purpose:

The purpose of the grant is **to support the health and well-being of unpaid family caregivers by providing funds (up to the award limit) to enable you to take a break from your caregiving responsibilities. It also covers some additional (“supplemental”) supports.** Each applicant’s situation will be reviewed to determine the grant amount awarded.

Eligibility:

Care recipient (person with dementia receiving care) must:

- Have a **physician’s diagnosis** of Alzheimer’s disease or other irreversible dementia
- Have an **annual income of no more** than \$37,470 (individual) or \$50,730 (couple)
(Income includes Social Security, pension, annuity, wages, rental income and interest income)
- **Live in the CVCOA service area:** Lamoille, Washington and Orange counties or the towns of Royalton, Sharon, Bethel, Rochester, Pittsfield, Hancock, Granville or Stockbridge. The town of Thetford in Orange County is served by our sister agency, Senior Solutions.
- **Not be participating** in Choices for Care—High or Highest Needs, Veteran Directed Program, Attendant Services, or National Family Caregiver respite programs
- **Live at home** (not in residential care)
- Be a **permanent resident of Vermont**

Funding uses:

Funds are to be used for caregiver **respite only**. They are not to be used to compensate the family caregiver for services provided, to pay household bills, nor can they be used to purchase most items.

Uses may include adult day services; respite care or companionship; personal care services; home-maker services; chore services; brief institutional respite. Use of grants to pay for supplemental services such as assistive technology, emergency alert systems, and household modifications for care receiver accessibility and safety will need authorization in advance from the grant coordinator.

Grant recipients (caregiver) **must submit invoices and receipts for reimbursement. Direct billing from adult day services or a home care provider agency can be arranged.**

Application process:

- Send completed applications to CVCOA at the address below.
- A CVCOA Options Counselor or Case Manager will complete a more comprehensive assessment.
- Funds will be allocated as available.

Please send completed applications to: CVCOA Family Caregiver Support
59 N. Main Street, Suite 200
Barre, VT 05641

If you have any questions about the grant and how the funds may be used, please contact Barb Asen at basen@cvcoa.org or call 802-476-2681.