



DEMENTIA CARE RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM

July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

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 \$40,770 (individual) or \$54,930 (couple)** (Income includes Social Security, pension, annuity, wages, rental income and interest income)
- **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.**

The Family Caregiver (grant applicant) must 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.

Funding uses:

Funds are to be used for caregiver **respite only.** They cannot be used to compensate the family caregiver for services provided, nor to pay most household bills.

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

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 application to CVCOA at the address below or via email to basen@cvcoa.org.
- CVCOA staff will contact you to complete more comprehensive assessments as required.
- Funds will be allocated as available. Award packets will be sent with info and forms to use.

Please mail completed application to:

CVCOA Family Caregiver Support
59 N. Main Street, Suite 200
Barre, VT 05641

or email application to basen@cvcoa.org

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. **Thank you.**