

# CROSS COMPARISON OF THE AFCSP, NFCSP AND RCAW'S CAREGIVER RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM (CRGP)

	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- The State distributes funds to each Area Agency on Aging (AAA). GWAAR distributes funds to counties in its service area. Wisconsin tribes receive federal caregiver support program funding directly from ACL as part of tribal Title VI funding.	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.	Wisconsin permanently eliminated a state annual limit of 112 hours of respite available through NFCSP. Families are no longer restricted by state-imposed limits on the number of respite hours a county or tribal agency can approve.	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 with dementia &amp; spouse</li> <li>4. Not simultaneously enrolled in NFCSP or receiving caregiver respite through Family Care</li> <li>5. No asset test</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has physical limitations or a form of dementia that requires assistance for at least two 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 another dementia, <i>any age</i>.</li> <li>4. Grandparents or other relative (non-parent) aged 55 and older who are the primary caregivers for a child under age 18.</li> <li>5. Caregiver aged 55 and older who care for a person aged 18 to 59 with a severe disability.</li> <li>6. No income or asset test</li> <li>7. Priority is given to low-income individuals and those with a diagnosis of dementia.</li> <li>8. Typically, not available to caregivers if the care recipient is enrolled in Family Care or another LTC program.</li> </ol>	<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. Care recipient must meet be 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 - <b>and meet one of the following situations:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has applied for LTC <u>but is not expecting to receive services or approval within thirty (30) days of the application or is on a waitlist.</u></li> <li>2. Has been denied Long- Term Care Waiver or other programs that provide respite services.</li> <li>3. Has been approved for LTC Waiver or other programs that provide respite services <u>but will exhaust funding from said programs.</u></li> <li>4. Has applied and is receiving LTC-Waiver <u>but needs cannot be met by waiver.</u></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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How to Refer	<p>Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend.</p> <p>The AFCSP Coordinator will assess eligibility, complete paperwork, and work cooperatively with case managers from other programs and dementia care specialists.</p>	<p>Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend.</p> <p>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.</p>
Fund Dispersal	<p>The maximum allocation for each family is determined using <u>DHS eligibility worksheets</u>. Payments are made using invoices and receipts.</p> <p>May pay a service agency directly or reimburse program participants or the primary caregiver/ representative for approved expenses.</p>	<p>Services must be approved by the administrative agency in advance in order for goods and services to be purchased using NFCSP funds.</p> <p>Payments to service providers are usually made monthly, but other timeframes are allowed.</p>	<p>Applicants are eligible to apply for a respite grant multiple times a year. Requests are approved based on care recipient needs, geographic location of services provided, length of time respite is needed, and funding availability.</p> <p>Grants are awarded and paid to applicants (usually primary caregivers) so they can pay the respite care provider for services rendered.</p> <p>In circumstances where respite care is provided in a facility-based setting, we can pay the facility directly.</p>
Details to note	<p>If all funding is allocated in a given year, a waiting list may be created till funds are available.</p> <p>Once enrolled in AFCSP, a person remains in the program until officially disenrolled by the AFCSP Coordinator (for reasons such as death, facility placement, Family Care, NFCSP, ineligible income, etc.)</p> <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>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No minimum or maximum limit of hours – must be reasonable.</li> <li>• No minimum or maximum limit on amount – must be reasonable.</li> <li>• Can apply multiple times a year subject to funding availability.</li> <li>• Can process payment within hours in an emergency. Otherwise, typical application is processed in 48 hours.</li> </ul>