



DEMENTIA CARE RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM

July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017

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 \$1000) to enable them to take a break from their caregiving responsibilities** with the goal of preventing or delaying the admission of loved ones to a nursing facility. 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 \$35,640 (individual) or \$48,060 (couple)
(Income includes Social Security, pension, annuity, wages, rental income and interest income)
- **Live in the CVCOA service area:** Lamoille, Washington and Orange (except Thetford) counties or the towns of Royalton, Sharon, Bethel, Rochester, Pittsfield, Hancock, Granville or Stockbridge
- **Not be participating** in Choices for Care—Highest Needs, Veterans Independence 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 items.

Uses may include (but are not limited to): adult day services; respite care or companionship; personal care services; homemaker services; brief institutional respite; and other eligible activities that provide rest and relaxation for the caregiver.

Grant recipients (caregiver) **must submit invoices 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 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.