



DEMENTIA CARE RESPITE PROGRAM July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 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 from available funds.

Eligibility:

Care receiver (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** \$46,950 (individual) or \$63,450 (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, or Attendant Services programs
- Be a **permanent resident of Vermont and live at home (not in residential care).**

The caregiver/grant applicant, if a Vermont resident, 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. CVCOA can also work with out-of-state family caregivers whose care receivers live in our service area.

Funding uses:

Funds are to be used for caregiver **respite only**. They cannot be used to compensate the family caregiver for services they provide, 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 funds 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.

Award recipients (family caregivers) **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 mailing or email address below.
- 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 email completed application to: caregiversupport@cvcoa.org or mail to:
CVCOA Family Caregiver Support, 59 N. Main Street, Suite 200, Barre, VT 05641

Questions? You may call us at 802-476-2661. Thank you!