

Caregiver Grants

Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program
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Purpose

Provide community support services to people living with dementia and their unpaid family members and friends who provide care for them.



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Intent

Make available a diverse array of community services for persons with dementia (PWD) and their caregiver(s) in order to:

- *Prevent or delay institutionalization*
- *Enhance quality of life*
- *Provide assistance to caregivers*

Priority is given to people living in private homes

Educate the public about dementia and importance of early diagnosis



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Eligibility:

- **Documented Diagnosis of Alzheimer's or Dementia** - can be a physician's visit summary with problems list or memory care clinic
- **Cannot be enrolled in Family Care** (exception non-nursing home level of care)
- **Income under \$48,000/year** - pension, annuities, rentals, savings interest VA pension, unemployment compensation
- **Preference given to persons living in a private home setting**



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Funding:

- Grants in the amount of \$1800 - \$2000
- Paid as reimbursement
- Unskilled neighbor, friend, or other family member can be a paid provider *with the exception of the primary caregiver*
- Provide social security numbers



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Allowable Use of Funds

- In-home respite
- Adult day programming
- Short term at an Adult Family Home, CBRF, or other facility
- Housecleaning, mowing, and shoveling
- Shopping, meal preparation, money management
- Personal care (bathing, grooming, dressing, eating)



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Allowable Use of Funds

- Mobility aids
- Bathroom aids: grab bars, raised toilet seat
- Adaptive aids for eating
- Safety devices: door and bed alarms, fridge/cabinet locks
- Lift chair, audio monitor
- Safe transfer equipment: gait belt, lifting aids, transfer pole
- Home modifications: ramps, railings, widen doorways



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Allowable Use of Funds

- Recreation and social activities
- Costs associated with activities in the community or online
- Transportation to medical appointments or social activities
- Prepared or congregate home-delivered meals
- Caregiver counseling
- Therapeutic services not covered by health insurance
- Education and training



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Purpose

Focus on informal or family caregivers – someone who is helping care for another individual, enabling them to remain living in the community.

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What defines a caregiver?

- May be a friend or neighbor although they should have a significant relationship with the recipient of care
- The caregiver does not have to live with the person

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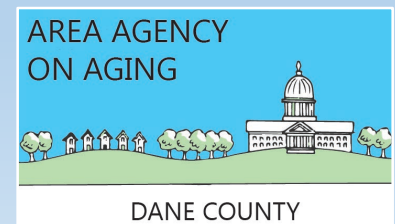
Maintain Caregiver Health

- Caregivers have higher stress levels and are more likely to suffer health problems
- Helping the caregiver improves their ability to provide better care for their loved one, and for a longer time
- It is easy to focus on the person *receiving* care instead of the caregiver, but that is not the purpose of the NFCSP.
- The purpose of NFCSP is to *support the caregiver* which in turn will support the care recipient.

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Eligibility:

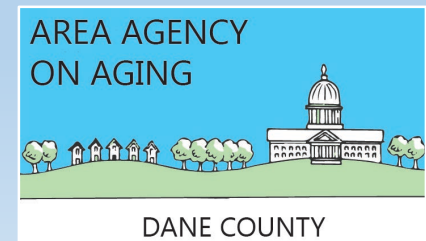
- Caregiver age 18+ caring for a frail older adult 60+ needing assistance with 2 or more activities of daily living
- Caregiver age 18+ caring for someone of any age with Alzheimer's or dementia
- Older adult 55+ caring for disabled adult with a severe disability who lives with them (may be the parent)
- Grandparent or other relative age 55+ caring for a child under age 18
- Cannot be on Family Care



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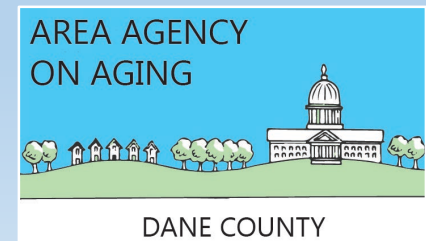
- No income eligibility requirement
- Limited to 112 hours of respite care
- Grants flexible depending on need to \$2000
- Service provider invoices Dane County Directly
- Service provider must have an Employee ID number (EIN)
- Can receive after depleting AFCSP funding



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Allowable Use of Funds

- Respite
- Supplemental Services
- Self-care for caregiver



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