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Helping People. It's who we are and what we do.





Mission and Vision

Vision: Nevadans, regardless of age or ability, will enjoy a meaningful life led with dignity and self-determination.

Mission: To empower individuals and their support systems by providing resources for disabilities and aging - connecting Nevadans to services and improving their quality of life.

Values:

- Respect
- Accountability
- Inclusivity
- Advocacy





Organizational Structure

NV Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)



Aging & Disability Services Division (ADSD)



Office of Community Living (OCL)



Intake &
Operations



Supportive
Services



**Community
Services**



Planning
Services





Community Services Section

Provides support and manages funding to community partners to offer a variety of services to older adults and persons with disabilities throughout Nevada.

Service Categories

- Access to Services
 - Medicare Assistance Program (MAP)
 - Nevada Care Connection (NVCC)
- Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative
- Ancillary Services
- Assisted Living Supportive Services
- Assistive Technology for Independent Living (AT/IL)
- **Caregiver Support Services**
- Communication Access Services (CAS)
- Emergency Services
- Evidence Based Services
- Food Security
- Healthcare Support & Assistance (Rx)
- In-Home Services
- Legal Assistance
- Nutrition Services
- Nutrition Supplement Incentive (NSIP)
- NV Assistive Technology Collaborative (NATC)
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
- Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
- Transportation Services
- Veterans Services





Caregiver Support Services

- Respite Care & Supportive Services
- Older Relative (Grandparent) Respite
 - Adult Daycare
 - Respite Vouchers
- Evidence-Based Powerful Tools for Caregivers
 - Other Supportive Services





Funding Sources for Caregiver Support

Federal Funding

- Older Americans Act Title III E: \$1,303,889.72
- Older Americans Act Title III D: \$78,675.59

State Funding

- **State Respite Services: \$296,109.00**
- Fund for a Healthy Nevada Independent Living Grant: \$936,686.16





Respite Care

State Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

Respite Voucher Services

- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.
- Helping Hands of Vegas Valley
- Walker River Paiute Tribe

State Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Respite Voucher Services

- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.
- Helping Hands of Vegas Valley
- Seniors in Service

Caregiver Support: Respite Care and Supportive Services

- City of Mesquite
- Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4)
- Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program, Inc





Challenges & Opportunities

- Limited Funding specific to Respite Care
- The need for services continues to increase, funding has remained the same
- Staffing difficulties / shortages
- Statewide Access and Awareness
- Inflexibility of Employers
- Matching level of persons served needs with available providers competent in meeting a higher level of need





ADSD's Efforts

- Reporting and Advocacy
- Training and support to funded partners
- Collaboration & Engagement
- Regional Planning Groups
- ADSD Regional Coordinators
- Funding Opportunities





Funding Opportunities - Funding Cycles

State Fiscal Year Cycle - July 1st through June 30th of the following year

Federal Fiscal Year Cycle - October 1st through September 30th of the following year

Most subawards are on a Two-Year Cycle

- **Year One – Competitive Application Process**
 - Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) posted to the public
 - All eligible agencies can apply
 - Applications are reviewed and scored competitively by internal and external reviewers
- **Year Two – Non-competitive Application Process**
 - NOFO is restricted to recipients of Year One funding
 - Applications are reviewed internally
 - Review may include (not limited to): completeness, accuracy, proposed Year Two changes to projections and/or Scope of Work, program need, and Year One compliance.





Funding Opportunities – Caregiver Support

SFY20266 (July 2025 – June 2026)

Non-Competitive

- Assistive Technology – Independent Living
- Supportive Services (Ancillary, **Caregiver Support Services**, Evidence-Based, Food Security, In-Home Services, Homemaker, Transportation)
- CAS (Youth Services, Equipment Distribution)

Competitive

- Access to Services
 - Medicare Assistance Program (MAP)
 - Nevada Care connection (NVCC)
- Assisted Living Supportive Services
- Communication Access Services (CAS)
 - CAS Access to Services
 - CAS Language Acquisition
- Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP)
- Healthcare Support & Assistance (Rx)





Resources & Additional Information

➤ **Aging & Disability Services Division** [ADSD.nv.gov](https://adsd.nv.gov)

- State Plans and Reports

<https://adsd.nv.gov/About/Reports/Reports/>

- ADSD State Plan for Aging Services, Caregiver Assessment Pilot (AB100), Lifespan Respite Demonstration Project
- Independent Living Grants Annual Subaward Report

- Lifespan Respite Coalition

https://adsd.nv.gov/Boards/Nevada_Lifespan_Respite_Care_Coalition/

- National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants (NSOAAP) State Program Report (SPR)





Resources & Additional Information

➤ **Aging & Disability Services Division** [ADSD.nv.gov](https://adsd.nv.gov)

- Subrecipient Resources – online resource for the following items
<https://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Grant/Resources/>
 - Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs)
 - Service Specifications – requirements for different programs

➤ **Office of Federal Assistance (OFA)** [OFA.nv.gov](https://ofa.nv.gov)

- Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) listed for all State divisions





QUESTIONS

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For general questions, program information, or to be added to the NOFO list:

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Seeking External Reviewers for SFY26 NOFOs

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Acronyms

- AB – Assembly Bill
- ACL – Administration of Community Living
- ADSD – Aging and Disability Services Division
- AT/IL – Assistive Technology for Independent Living
- CAS – Communication Access Services
- CS – Community Services
- DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services
- FHN – Fund for a Healthy Nevada
- FY – Fiscal Year
- ILG – Independent Living Grant
- MAP – Medicare Assistance Programs
- NATC – Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative
- NSOAAP - National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants
- NOFO – Notice of Funding Opportunity
- NSIP - Nutrition Supplement Incentive
- NVCC – Nevada Care Connection
- OAA – Older Americans Act
- OFA – Office of Federal Assistance
- OCL – Office of Community Living
- PAC – Planning, Advocacy and Community Services
- PC – Program Coordinator
- SCSEP - Senior Community Service Employment Program
- SILC - Statewide Independent Living Council
- SPR - State Program Report

