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FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA RESPITE

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



Introduction

Grants Management Unit (GMU)

MISSION *To help families and individuals in Nevada reach their highest level of self-sufficiency by supporting the community agencies that serve them through engagement, advocacy and resource development.*

VISION *To be a valued partner in strengthening the ability of communities to respond to human service needs.*



Background

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is responsible for administering the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN). The FHN is a source of state revenue which is funded through tobacco settlement monies received or recovered by the State of Nevada.

The DHHS uses the FHN funds to support health and social services activities that align with legislatively defined priority areas to address gaps identified in various needs assessments across the State of Nevada to promote public health and improve health services for children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities.



Respite Services

Used to improve access and coordination for respite services and supports. These services promote person and/or family centered approach in care planning and caregiver support.

- Provide cost effective services
- Foster a responsive service delivery system
- Provide a comprehensive and integrated system of services
- Conduct a systematic evaluation of program activities



Funding Opportunity Award Type: Subgrant

Project Period: The award is for a two-year project period. As part of the application process, a scope of work with timeline and budget must be submitted for each project period.

EXAMPLE

Project Period 1: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Project Period 2: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Estimated Number of Awards: 3-12 awards, with awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000



Total Amount Allocated to Respite Services in SFY2024

AGENCY	AMOUNT
Amplify Life	\$58,190
Lyon County Human Services	\$54,494
Neighbor Network	\$200,000
Nevada Rural Counties – RSVP	\$150,000
St. Rose Dominican	\$138,743



Respite Data Collection

In accordance with NRS 439.630 The Department shall transmit a report of all findings, recommendations and expenditures to the Governor, each regular session of the Legislature, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and any other committees or commissions the Director deems appropriate.



Program Challenges

- Funding
- Barriers to providing services included a temporary leave of absence of one of our respite providers due to illness.
- Waitlist for individuals have posed a challenge in finding matches for special requests. Identify appropriate Respite providers based on client-specific criteria.
- The increase in cost of living created a significant deficit in available applicants for all businesses trying to hire entry level workers.



Respite Services Offered

- Community Care program
- Personal care
- Social, leisure & recreational activities
- Opportunities for civic engagement & self-advocacy
- Transportation
- Support accessing healthcare services, including routine wellness checks and vaccines
- Educational opportunities for people and their family members
- Respite for Primary Support Person
- Home management
- Case Management
- Accessing community resources
- Care consultation/options counseling
- Primary support person of someone who is 60+
- Primary support person of someone with a disability who is 18+
- Primary support person of someone who is living with dementia (or possible dementia) any age
- Escorted door-to-door transportation services to low-income transit-dependent elders and adults with disabilities.
- Educating communities through events
- Conversations with Caregivers support group
- Respite Training Classes



Beneficial Information

- Federal Grant-Making Agencies <https://www.grants.gov/learn-grants/grant-making-agencies.html>
- Office of Federal Assistance Trainings https://ofa.nv.gov/Training_and_Development/Training-Schedule/
- Grant Resource Library https://ofa.nv.gov/Grant_Resources/Grant_Resources/
- Grant Opportunity Listserv https://ofa.nv.gov/Grant_Resources/Grant_Oppportunity_Listservs/
- DHHS GMU Notice of Funding Opportunity – FHN 26-27 <https://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/Grants/GMU/>
- 2 CFR Part 200 <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1>



Questions?



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Acronyms

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

DHHS - Department of Health and Human Services

DO – Director’s Office

FHN – Funds for a Healthy Nevada

GMU – Grants Management Unit

NRS – Nevada Revised Statutes