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ARCC Scope of Services

South Carolina Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (ARCC) Grants for Respite, Educational, and Innovative Programs For July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 Grant Awards

1. Respite Care Services:

Grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded for the development or expansion of respite care programs. Please note, programs operating for four (4) or more hours/day must be licensed by the South Carolina Department of Public Health as an Adult Day Service Center.

Respite programs will be established according to a community-based service model which:

- Provides a respite program that is dementia specific (including in-home, overnight, adult day services or social model group respite services.)
- Offers people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (ADRD) scheduled opportunities for dementia-specific care activities in a safe and supportive environment.
- Provides respite from caregiving tasks for family caregivers.
- Provides or informs the family of other services for participants and their families.
- Is staffed by a qualified individuals (such as a social worker, nurse, activity professional, or health educator) who may be assisted by carefully selected and trained volunteers, students, and/or program assistants. All staff and volunteers providing service in the home must pass a SLED background check before providing services.
- Provides high-quality, cost-effective services.
- Builds relationships with caregivers to establish trust.
- Has the potential for sustainability when state grant funds are no longer available.
- Shows evidence of community collaboration and support and maximum utilization of existing resources.

Types of respite programs can include:

- Adult Day Respite Programs
- Respite programs offered on a consistent schedule, such as in a church or other community settings
- In-home respite
- Overnight Respite

2. Educational Interventions:

Grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded for dementia-specific educational interventions. The educational initiative will provide new or expanded educational programs for families and caregivers of persons living with dementia and may include programs for persons in the early stages of dementia.

Topics can include:

- Grief
- Depression
- Home safety and security
- Legal and financial issues
- Communication
- Prevention and management of difficult behaviors
- Resources available in the community
- Caregiver issues, such as the identification and utilization of available resources
- Methods of establishing trust between caregivers and providers of services.

Types of allowable education and information activities include:

- Early-stage dementia programs
- Training for families, informal caregivers, health and social service providers, and other community service providers (i.e. law enforcement, emergency personnel, doctors, dentists, dental hygienists, etc.)
- Establishment of new caregiver support groups or early-stage support groups
- Establishment of new caregiver education materials
- Educational intervention/training in Long-Term Care Facilities

3. Innovative Programming

Grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded for the development and implementation of innovative programming directed to persons with ADRD. This grant opportunity is designed to provide flexible programming to the populations served with ADRD.

Innovative programming can include, but is not limited to:

- Virtual training for family caregivers
- In-home sustainable activities designed for persons with dementia
- Projects to promote safety in the community for those living with dementia