

## RCAW Announces Updates on Respite Grant Programs



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### Attn: Family Caregivers, Partners, and Collaborators

Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW) remains steadfast in its mission to support family caregivers across the state. On **January 28, 2025**, we announced the difficult decision to pause our respite grant programs due to potential funding constraints. These programs provide essential relief for family caregivers.

Since then, our dedicated team has worked tirelessly in crisis prevention mode, devising contingency plans for the organizational programs that serve so many. We recognize that family caregiving is a 24/7 responsibility, and respite care is often the only way caregivers can take a much-needed break. We are pleased to announce an update to our grant programs effective **February 18, 2025**.

1. [Emergency Use of the Caregiver Respite Grant Program](#) – ***Reopened***
  - Visit the Caregiver Respite Grant Program webpage (<https://respitecarewi.org/grants/caregiver-respite-grant-program-crgp/>) for eligibility.
2. Supplemental Respite Grant Program – ***Reopened***
3. Caregiver Respite Grant Program (CRGP)— ***Reopened with Modified Eligibility***
  - ***The CRGP is reopened to family caregivers who have never applied for this grant (new applicants) or reapplicants whose last respite date has not been in the last 180 days.***
4. Group Respite Grant Program – ***Paused***
5. StartUP Grant Program – ***Paused***

We appreciate the patience and support of our community as we navigate this uncertain landscape. We remain committed to transparent communication with the public. If you have questions or need additional information, please get in touch with us at [info@respitecarewi.org](mailto:info@respitecarewi.org).

**Please note: Eligibility Criteria and Supporting Documentation Forms have since been updated. All RCAW grant program updates will be on our website, [www.respitecarewi.org](http://www.respitecarewi.org).**



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